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ONE MORE WIN AND WE'RE IN!

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE stage is set for a very special moment in Australian Soccer history when the Socceroos and Israel clash at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday.

Israel may be in the box seat after gleaning a point in New Zealand last week, but a win — by any score — will see Australia through to the next phase, against the winners of South American Group 2.

So Australia's destiny is again in its own hands and prospects much brighter than after the depressing 2-0 loss in Auckland.

Frank Arok has recalled David Mitchell from Chelsea.

He will link up with fellow-expatriates Eddie Krncevic and Frank Farina in a three-pronged attack which will provide plenty of height to test the Israelis, always supect in the air.

The Socceroo coach was unhappy with the form of several key players in Auckland, but I would be very surprised to see wholesale changes in the team for the crucial finale to the Oceania group.

Although Australia has yet to beat Israel in a World Cup match at home (they drew 1-1 both in 1969 and 1985), a win on Sunday is hardly an impossible assignment.

All the talk of changes that followed the Auckland debacle was over-reaction.

One can only assume, in the light of Australia's performances over the past 18 months or so, that it was a hiccup, not to be repeated.

To dispense with players who disappointed in New Zealand would be self-defeating. They will be highly motivated to make amends, to prove that their form two weeks ago was an aberration.

With a big, vociferous crowd behind them, there's no reason Australia cannot overcome the Israeli hurdle.

It won't be a piece of cake, but it certainly can be done — with basically the same players who served their country so well in the recent past.

The match will be refereed by the crack Italian, Carlo Longhi, who does not tolerate rough play. He has a reputation for being a strict disciplinarian, and both teams would be well advised to play football, not mix it.

The stage is set for a thriller, one of those very special moments in sport.

So let's fill the Sydney Football Stadium and provide the same tremendous home atmosphere the Israelis enjoyed at Ramat Gan.

Fanatical support is said to be worth a goal to the home team. The crowd can turn out to be the 12th man, and if the Socceroos ever needed every advantage it is NOW.

The man-to-man duel between Nir Alon (left) and Eddie Krncevic will again be one of the highlights of Sunday's World Cup decider. In Tel Aviv, theirs' was a match within the match and honours were even.

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59th World Cup game coming up on Sunday

BY LOU GAUTIER

The Belgian Connection. I to r: Ronnie Rosenthal (Standard Liege), Frank Farina (Club Brugge), Eli Ohana (Mechelen). BELOW: Charlie Yankos evades Ronnie Rosenthal during the match in Tel Aviv. Will Charlie prove to be the major force in the return match at the Sydney Football Stadium?

FOLLOWING the 2-0 loss to New Zealand in Auckland on April 2, Australia's World Cup record is as follows:

- ⋆ Played: 58
- ⋆ Won: 24
- ⋆ Drew: 19
- ⋆ Lost: 15
- ⋆ Goals for: 107
- ⋆ Goals against: 62

The breakdown:

• 1965:	P:2 W:0 D:O L:2 GF:2 GA:9
• 1969:	P:9 W:3 D:5 L:1 GF:12 GA:8
• 1973/4:	P:14 W:5 D:6 L:3 GF:21 GA:15
• 1977:	P:12 W:6 D:2 L:4 GF:20 GA:11
• 1981:	P:8 W:4 D:2 L:2 GF:22 GA:9
• 1984:	P:5 W:2 D:1 L:2 GF:10 GA:6

Australia made its World Cup debut in 1965, against North Korea.

Both matches were played in the Cambodian capital, Pnom-Pinh, and ended in disaster — with 1-6 and 1-3 defeats.

The Aussies were coached by the late Tiko Jelisavcic and went into the fray totally unprepared.

North Korea, then the world's mystery soccer team, went on to glory in the finals in England, beating Italy to reach the quarter-finals.

In 1969, the Australians came ever so close, but were thwarted at the last hurdle, by Israel . . .

After winning an elimination round-robin in Seoul, against South Korea and Japan, Joe Vlasits' men travelled to Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, to eliminate Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in a three-match series, but lost 0-1 in Tel Aviv and could only draw 1-1 in Sydney.

Australia hit the jackpot at their third attempt and qualified for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany with Rale Rasic at the helm.

It took them 11 gruelling matches to do it, with a heart-stopping 1-0 play-off win against South Korea in Hong Kong (after 0-0 and 1-1 draws).

In West Germany, the home team won 3-0 in Hamburg; the East Germans beat the Socceroos 2-0 at the same venue and the match with Chile, at Berlin's Olympic Stadium, resulted in a 0-0 draw.

Jimmy Shoulder led the Socceroos' charge in 1977.

Twelve matches were played, but Australia could only manage four wins and Iran qualified for Argentina '78.

The 1981 campaign — under the flamboyant Rudi Gutendorf — was an even greater fiasco.

Australia lost to Indonesia in Jakarta and could only draw 0-0 in Taiwan.

Despite 10-0 and 4-1 hammerings of Fiji, John Adshead's All Whites camp up trumps.

After holding Australia to a 3-3 draw in Auckland, they won 2-0 in Sydney — and were off to Spain in 1986.

Australia's 1985 World Cup mission was Frank Arok's first and the Socceroos overcame New Zealand, Chinese Taipei and Isrel before bowing out to Scotland in the play-offs.

The current campaign started disastrously late in 1988 with a 0-1 defeat in Nadi against Fiji, but a 5-1 win at Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, saw the Socceroos through to stage 2 against New Zealand and Israel.

With two defeats from five matches, the Socceroos well and truly have their backs to the wall and face their moment of truth on Sunday at the Sydney Football Stadium.

EDDIE KRNCEVIC — He'll rush back Friday to join the Socceroos after playing midweek for Anderlecht in a Belgian quarter-final Cup tie against Club Brugge, Frank Farina's club. The former Marconi ace, however, will miss the game and was due in Australia today (Wednesday).

Record points to a close result

BY LOU GAUTIER

SUNDAY'S match will be the sixth World Cup clash between Australia and Israel.

If past history is any indication, there'll be nothing in it.

Both countries have won once and have drawn three times.

Australia and Israel have each scored five goals, which further illustrates how tight and closely fought all World Cup ties have been.

In 1969, Israel won 1-0 in Tel Aviv, with David Zeman scoring an own goal, although Israeli records attribute the score to brilliant midfielder Giora Schpiegel.

The return game, in Sydney, in front of a sell-out crowd of 32,000 at the old Sports Ground, was drawn 1-1.

John Watkiss scored for the Aussies, Shpigler for Israel — who qualified for the 1970 finals in Mexico.

The teams had to wait until 1985 before meeting again in World Cup competition.

The Socceroos, for the first time under Frank Arok in World Cup match-play, stunned the Tel Aviv crowd of 50,000 by winning an epic game 2-1.

John Kosmina and David Mitchell scored splendid goals and Jeff Olver had his full first international in goal, coming on for the injured Terry Greedy.

Armeli netted for the home side.

The return match resulted in a 1-1 draw in Melbourne, David Ratcliffe scoring for the Socceroos and Uri Malmilian for the visitors.

As a result of Israel's shock defeat in New Zealand, Australia qualified for the play-offs against Scotland (0-2 0-0).

The teams' most recent World Cup clash was, of course, in Tel Aviv, on March 19 when they drew 1-1.

Eli Ohana opened the scoring from a penalty in the 66th minute when Alan Davidson handled the ball, and skipper Charlie Yankos equalised six minutes later with one of his freekick "specials", from all of 30 metres out.

Overall, Australia and Israel have met 16 times in full internationals, including two Olympic qualifiers last year, which resulted in a 2-0 Aussie win in Melbourne and a scoreless draw in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Australia have a positive all-round record against Israel, which reads:

- Played: 16
- Won: 5
- Drew: 8
- Lost: 3
- Goals for: 17
- Goals against: 15

Result in Auckland suits the Socceroos

OCEANIA WORLD CUP SPECIAL

NEW ZEALAND did not let Australia down and kept the Socceroos' chances of winning the Oceania group very much alive by holding Israel to a 2-2 draw at Mt Smart Stadium last Sunday.

BY JIM MARTELL

The result means Australia has to win — by any score — at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday to take out the group.

And if Israel's display last week is any indication, the task is not beyond a fully committed Socceroo side.

The match in Auckland, in front of another disappointing crowd, started sensationally, with Israel taking a 1-0 lead when Ronnie Rosenthal latched on to a header by Shalom Tivka to slot the ball past Clint Gosling after eluding Gary Lund.

It was his fifth goal for his country in his 27th appearance and his second in the current series.

The Israelis came down to earth with a thud some two and a half minutes later when Billy Wright, the man Les Scheinflug sacked from Blacktown after only one outing, put away a chip from Noel Barkley which Yeheda Amar badly misjudged.

In the 35th minute, Malcolm Dunford scored one of his special headers to put the All Whites ahead 2-1 — the third such goal he has scored for New Zealand in their last three World Cup outings.

Wright powered his way down the left flank, passed to Danny Halligan, who pumped one up for Dunford to rise high above a wall of Israeli shirts to nudge the ball out of Bonni Ginzberg's reach.

But the goalscoring feast wasn't over yet.

It was Israel's turn to come back with the equaliser, only two minutes later, and what a great goal it was!

Nir Klinger capped a great solo run, catching the New Zealand defence off-guard, with a classic goal which might be worth its weight in gold for his team as now a draw will be enough for Israel in Sydney to see them through to the next qualifying stage.

The second half yielded no goals. Both teams had several opportunities, but the goalkeepers held firm.

Dunford could have swung it the Kiwis' way in the 60th minute when his fierce drive, from a Chris Riley pass, was brilliantly saved by Ginzberg, who five minutes later was very lucky to survive a poorly fisted ball which Fred de Jong mufffed by sailing his shot above the bar.

Arvi Cohen also had to substitute for his goalie by clearing a shot by Wright off the line, while at the other end Clint Gosling covered himself with glory by saving two consecutive point-blank drives from Tivva and Rosenthal in the last 15 minutes.

New Zealand are out of the World Cup, but their results at home have given Kiwi football a boost, proving they are not the poor relations of the group they had been made out to be.

Israel have the consolation of achieving a far better result than Australia. They took the field aiming for a point, which they achieved, but there were flaws in their overall play which may prove fatal if the Socceroos perform at full capacity on Sunday.

Israel's best players were Rosenthal, Amar, Alon and Ginzberg, while Dunford, Gosling, Herbert and Wright stood out in a Kiwi side for which National Leaguers Robert Ironside and Fred de Jong did not play as well as against the Socceroos the previous week.

NEW ZEALAND: Gosling, Herbert, Lund, Dunford, Mason, Barkley, Ironside, Ridenton (Halligan 28), Wright, de Jong, Riley (Levy 74).

ISRAEL: Ginzberg, Cohen, Alon, Amar, Pizanti (Parselani 62), Davidi, Sinai, Klinger (Ohana 71), Tivka, Iluz, Rosenthal.

Scorers: Rosenthal 16m, Klinger 37m for Israel; Wright 19m, Dunford 35m for New Zealand.

Referee: C.Bouillet (France). Crowd: 8000.

An ecstatic Charlie Yankos (far right) celebrates his stupendous goal against Israel at Ramat Gan Stadium together with team-mates Mike Petersen and Paul Wade. Aussie fans are hoping for more scenes like this on Sunday.

The victorious Israelis salute their fans after defeating New Zealand 1-0 in Tel Aviv in their opening World Cup game. There was less rejoicing after last Sunday's 2-2 draw in Auckland though the result puts Israel on top of the group ladder, one point ahead of the Australians, their opponents Sunday at the Sydney Football Stadium in what promises to be a heart-stopping finale.

The Socceroos

- JEFF OLVER (Melbourne Croatia) — goalkeeper. Born 25.11.60. 35 caps.
- MIKE GIBSON (St George) — goalkeeper. Born 1.3.63. 2 caps.
- GRAHAM JENNINGS (Sydney Croatia) — defender. Born 18.1.60. 44 caps.
- ANDY KOCZKA (St George) — defender. Born 9.9.65. 5 caps.
- GARY VAN EGMOND (Melbourne JUST) Born 29.6.65. 8 caps.
- ALAN DAVIDSON (Melbourne Croatia) — defender. Born 1.6.60. 48 caps.
- ALEX TOBIN (Adelaide City) — defender. Born 5.4.66. 3 caps.
- CHARLIE YANKOS (PAOK Salonika) — defender. Born 29.5.61. 50 caps.
- EDDIE KRNCEVIC (Anderlecht — striker. Born 3.6.60. 19 caps.
- FRANK FARINA (FC Bruges) — striker. Born 5.9.64. 30 caps.
- CHRIS KALANTZIS (Panathinaikos) — striker. Born 27.7.67. 12 caps.
- DAVID MITCHELL (Chelsea) — striker. Born 13.6.63. 26 caps.
- WALLY SAVOR (Sydney Croatia) — defender. Born 21.6.59. 21 caps.
- STEVE CALDERAN (Marconi) — defender. Born 24.4.63. 3 caps.
- PAUL WADE (South Melbourne) — midfielder. Born 20,3.62. 31 caps.
- MIKE PETERSEN (South Melbourne) — midfielder. Born 6.5.65. 13 caps.
- OSCAR CRINO (Melbourne JUST) — midfielder. Born 9.8.62. 36 caps.
- JASON POLAK (Sydney Olympic) — midfielder. Born 9.1.68. 1 cap.
- GRAHAM ARNOLD (Sydney Croatia) — striker. Born 3.8.63. 34 caps.
- WARREN SPINK (Preston Makedonia) — striker. Born 4.10.86. 14 caps.
- SCOTT OLLERENSHAW (St George) — striker. Born 10.2.68. 14 caps.
- ROBBIE SLATER (Sydney Croatia) — striker. Born 22.11.64. 7 caps.
- PAUL TRIMBOLI (South Melbourne) — striker. Born 25.2.69. 2 caps.

OCEANIA QUALIFYING STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Australia	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
New Zealand	4	1	1	2	5	7	3

THE ISRAELIS

- ★ BONNI GINZBERG — goalkeeper
- ★ ADIR SHAMIR — goalkeeper
- ★ ARVI COHEN — defender
- ★ DAVID PIZANTI — defender
- ★ NIR ALON — defender
- ★ NIR KLINGER — defender
- ★ YEHEDA AMAR — defender
- ★ EPHRAIM DAVIDI — defender
- ★ ALAN DAVIDI — defender
- ★ MOSHE EIZENBERG — midfielder
- ★ AVINOAM OVADIA — midfielder
- ★ RON ILUZ — midfielder
- ★ MOSHE SINAI — midfielder
- ★ ELI OHANA — midfielder
- ★ RONNIE ROSENTHAL — striker
- ★ ELI DRIEKS — striker
- ★ SHALOM TIKVA — striker
- ★ IGAL MENACHEM — striker
- ★ NIR LEVIN — striker

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No happy returns for Preston Makedonia

BY JOHN MANGAN

PRESTON Makedonia's 0-0 draw against Sydney Croatia at Olympic Park on Sunday provided a disappointing close to the club's 30th birthday celebrations.

The 5000-strong crowd, fired up with traditional Macedonian dancing and singing, were hoping that the team could build on the momentum which has driven it into second place on the NSL ladder.

While early in the season fans had their doubts about the exotic new mix of forwards that coach Andon Doncevski assembled, they are now asking if they can celebrate their 30th year with their first National League title.

On the strength of Sydney's performance the answer is no. The team failed to get a grip on the midfield and on the slightly greasy Olympic Park surface few moves worked and fewer goal opportunities arose.

Sydney Croatia coach Vedran Rozic was diplomatic after the game, saying he was happy with a point.

Nevertheless, the mood in his team's dressing rooms was one of the disappointment. It was a game they could have won — and there was resentment at some of the refereeing decisions.

Referee Jim Fearn's decision not to give a penalty to Sydney Croatia midway through the second half may well have proved decisive.

The visitors' elusive striker, Manis Lamond, ghosted his way past tall defender Bill Piculovski in the penalty area. As Lamond steadied to shoot, Piculovski's desperate tackle appeared to bring down the striker but Fearn waved play on.

Preston's John Markovski shields the ball from Sydney Croatia's Paul Foster during last Sunday's scoreless draw at Olympic Park — CARMELO BAZZANO pic.

The defenders were the heroes for both teams. Steve Jackson and Ian Roodhosue subdued the Sydney Croatia attack while Alan Hunter and Rozic at the other end gave Warren Spink and Steve Smith little room to move.

Both goalkeepers proved equal to the few clear scoring chances that emerged. Makedonia's Phil Traianedes stretched to palm wide a sizzling Mark Jones volley in the 52nd minute, while his Sydney counterpart, Tony Franken, showed his mettle 10 minutes from time when he deflected a delicately angled header from Spink.

Spink — like fellow-Socceroos Graham Arnold, Wally Savor and Robbie Slater — worked hard but was unspectacular. Maybe all their minds were on this weekend's World Cup clash with Israel.

Socceroo commitments have played havoc with Sydney Croatia's NSL commitments. The team has had three games postponed because of players being called away on international duty.

Once the Israel game is out of the way, coach Rozic hopes to regain some of the momentum necessary to swing his team into top gear.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Jolevski (Runje 45), Jackson, Piculovski, Zinni, Tasevski, Spink, Smith, Markovski, Markovac (Petrov 70).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Foster, Hunter, Rozic, Clinch, Slater, Jones, Arnold, Rumora, Lamond (Ingham 79).

Referee: Jim Fearn. **Crowd:** 5000.

Ian Roodhouse (left) and Steve Smith clear the danger for Makedonia from Sydney Croatia's Alan Hunter — photo by CARMELO BAZZANO.

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Super-defence by Saints

BY GREG BLAKE

SUNSHINE George Cross supporters reached in vain for an answer to their team's problems as it struggled to comeback from a goal down at home to St George last Sunday.

At various times over the closing 20 minutes they blamed Jeff Faulkner, Paul Lewis, Frank Arok, the referee, the linesmen and John Gardiner as defeat loomed.

In the end, a surprisingly resilient St George hung on to win 1-0 and send Georgie crashing to its second successive home defeat.

The abuse (as well as empty drink cans) heaped on those alleged to be conspircaing against their side by the Sunshine fans was to no avail.

The simple fact was that St George deserved its victory and, with only one defeat to date this season, Arok's team looks set to play in the finals for the first time since winning the 1987 grand final.

Sunday's only goal came in the 25th minute when Chris Ketsakidis failed to clear Scott Ollerenshaw's cross and the ball fell for Zoran Ilic, who made no mistake from close range.

From that stage on, there was no looking back for the Saints who, for my money, boast the toughest and tighest defence in the NSL at this time.

With Andy Koczka playing a blinder and Mike O'Shea completely blanketing there were never more than half chances afforded George Cross for the rest of the game.

Try as they might, and there was no lack of heart from Shaun Parton, Andy Marth, Faulkner and particularly Les Carter, George Cross couldn't find a way to goal.

One cross by Ossie Latif which flew past the goal face and missed Lewis by centimetres was about the closest Sunshine came in a dogged second half.

But Saints had chances of their own, mostly carved out by an impressive Andy Harper.

One run and cross from him gave Ollerenshaw a super chance to make it 2-0 but the striker's header hit an upright and rebounded away.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keough, Alevisos, Waddell, Ketsakidis, Parton, Carter, Lewis, Marth, Faulkner, Hasler (Lennon 80), Latif.

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green, Grbevski, Koczka, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Harper, Moffatt, Bingley (Krslovic 67), Ilic, Ollerenshaw.

Referee: J. Santa Isabel. **Crowd:** 1200.

Drab 1-1 draw at Hindmarsh

BY ALAN CLARK

APIA Leichhardt battled back from an opening onslaught to salvage a crucial point from Adelaide City last Friday at Hindmarsh Stadium.

City showed their most innovative attacking form in the first 25 minutes and had Apia on the rack.

Shots from Charlie Villani, captain Sergio Melta and Aurelio Vidmar went close and City then took the lead in just 10 minutes through Steve Maxwell.

The powerhouse striker thundered home a Villani header from a corner and ran, gesticulating to the home bench in his delight over the score.

But City, which had had Villani, Vidmar, and Melta firing in unison alongside skilled playermaker Adrian Santrac in midfield for the first time this year, then was nullified by Apia which controlled the rest of the game.

City's attacking ideas perished on the tenacious tackling and skilled attacking promptings of man of the match Mirko Radosavljevic.

Alex Bundalo's aggressive skill and enterprise, backed by the ball-winning of Craig Mason, saw Apia assume control in the crucial midfield.

The visitors were rewarded by taking their only goal chance of the game in 43 minutes.

Bundalo broke on the right and fired over a dangerous centre that Neville Flounders failed to clear cleanly.

The ball dropped at pace to Rod Brown, who quickly controlled before sending a curling chip past Robert Zabica in the City goal.

The goal virtually killed the game.

Apia, without reverting to out and out defence, dictated terms and City lacked the imagination or leadership to alter their game to worry the visitors.

Friday's encounter was well handled by 'everblue' Donald Campbell, who only needed to book City's Vidmar and Apia's John Kosmina, who spent a close encounter evening renewing 'friendships' on his old stamping ground.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Shillabeer, Tobin, Ivanovich, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, Webber (O'Connor 65), Brown, Radosavljevic, Halliday, Mason, Bundalo, Hagen (Blagojevic, 78), Brown, Kosmina, Ricoy.

Referee: Donald Campbell. **Crowd:** 1500.

Sunshine George Cross has done more than most to encourage local youth with its best recent successes in the form of John Markovski and Paul Trimboli.

Next cab off the rank is expected to be rugged defender Andrew Marth, who was almost lured away from Georgie by Melbourne Croatia pre-season.

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THE question was asked as to just where the goals would come from when FRANK FARINA left Marconi for FC Brugge.

With Zlatko Nastevski, Fred de Jong, Ian Gray and David Lowe all high on the sharpshooters' list, it seems that the question was superfluous.

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Marconi outlast Croatia

BY KEITH GILMOUR

MARCONI can thank their lucky stars that the NSL's leading scorer Zlatko Nastevski put them on the road to victory before Melbourne Croatia suddenly found form to dominate the last 20 minutes at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Nastevski was back to his most impressive form, scoring twice to lift his tally to 11 goals, proving a more than adequate fill-in for the departed Frank Farina.

The 2-1 result was probably justice, although Croatia coach Ivan Raznjevic was convinced that referee Bob Marshall should have awarded two penalties to his side.

When it came to the point there was another that might have gone Marconi's way, but all seemed to be very close decisions.

Marconi's play in the first half so often could not be faulted. Amongst those who initiated the attacks were Jean-Paul de Marigny and Tom McCulloch, but the whole side was usually right on song.

Nastevski's goal in the 22nd minute was in a class of its own.

Robbie Wheatley swept the ball wide left to de Marigny, who immediately crossed low across the centre into the box.

David Lowe summed matters up and dummied quickly, and Nastevski drove home from outside the far post.

Marconi had one moment of worry and relief when Paul Carter rattled his own crossbar.

That mistake aside, Melbourne Croatia's only worthwhile chance in the half came from Zeljko Adzic's 42nd minute free-kick.

Vince Colagiuri crossed and Nastevski nudged in his second goal in the 56th minute although Croatia had two extra defenders in place to thwart the attackers.

Branko Milosevic put in a dangerous ball in the 70th minute, with Mark Talajic just getting his head to it to score.

Milovevic, Josip Biskic, Talajic and Zeljko Adzic were suddenly right on top, but close shaves at either end excepted, the teams held on the for 2-1 scoreline.

The visitors were fortunate that Stuart Cannell had been a real buffer for his team, especially in the first half when things were definitely not going their way.

If Jeff Olver's display on the day had a message for Frank Arok and the Socceroos, it was certainly positive.

MARCONI: Catlin, Carter, de Marigny, Calderan, Wheatley, Gray, McCulloch, Nastevski, Gomez (Katholos 68), Colagiuri, Lowe.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver, Opasinis, Cannell, Salemides, Hannah, Milosevic, Biskic, Talajic, Adzic, Awaritife, Kelic (Valentic 62).

Referee: R.Marshall. Crowd: 3108.

Wolves outclass feeble Heidelberg

BY PHIL MURPHY

HEIDELBERG could have taken another painful step towards relegation when they gave up without a yelp at Brandon Park last Sunday.

Wollongong City certainly didn't play well but their performance was good enough to dispose of Heidelberg 3-0.

As the visitors' coach Miron Bleiberg said after the game. "I knew if Wollongong scored first, we would be struggling."

Bleiberg said everyone in the league knows Wollongong are a very hard team to break down, and even more so if they get the first goal.

That all-important goal was scored by Randell Easthorpe in the 32nd minute and emanated from a freekick on the left.

Nick Ousalkis brought down Wolves' striker John Danzo in one of a number of crude tackles, David Skeen sent in the freekick and Easthorpe took advantage of slack marking to head home.

Midfielder Bryan Cokely was presented with goal number two by Heidelberg's John Stewart and made the most of it.

Stewart didn't seem to be under any real pressure when he directed the ball to Cokely 25 metres out, Cokely turned and sent a great shot into the roof of the Heidelberg net.

It was Pat Brodnik who completed a miserable afternoon for the Melbourne team when he hammered home number three from an acute angle with 63 minutes gone.

The only bright spot for Heidelberg was the performance of Steve Douglas, who was enterprising in midfield to half-time and then added some composure to the defence when Ousalkis was replaced at the interval.

For Wollongong, the consistent Skeen and Mike Hollifield performed well, along with the improving Danzo and Robert Giraldi, who had his best game since being switched to right fullback.

Pat Brodnik scoring the second of Wollongong's three goals agianst Heidelberg last Sunday — Photo courtesy ILLAWARRA MERCURY.

Wollongong coach John Fleming thought the win was encouraging though the players were disappointed with the way they played.

"We are still playing with eight players who were born in Wollongong and to be sharing fourth place in those circumstances is marvellous from my point of view," he said.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Giraldi, Viletstra, Morlando, Hollifield, Skeen, Cokely (Trajceski 63), Brodnik, Easthorpe, Danzo.

HEIDELBERG: Chatzitrifonas, Kanesoulis (Alagiozlois 68), McDowall, Scott, Ousalkas (Stevenson 45), Stewart, Douglas, Stubbins, Goutzoulis, Lucchesi, Raynes.

Referee: Bob Jones. Crowd: 889.

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National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	11	8	2	1	29	9	18
Preston	12	5	5	2	15	10	15
St George	10	6	3	1	12	7	15
Sydney Croatia	10	4	4	2	7	5	12
Apia Leichhardt	11	4	4	3	13	14	12
Wollongong City	13	5	2	6	13	16	12
Sydney Olympic	13	3	5	5	14	14	11
Sunshine GC	12	4	3	5	11	11	11
Melbourne Croatia	12	4	3	5	18	19	11
South Melbourne	10	4	2	4	16	11	10
Adelaide City	13	3	4	6	11	15	10
Melbourne JUST	12	3	3	6	12	14	9
Blacktown City	10	3	3	4	12	22	9
Heidelberg	13	3	1	9	11	27	7

Results

MELBOURNE JUST 2 (C. Retre, O. Crino) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (A. Edwards) at Sydney Football Stadium. Crowd: 2118.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (S. Maxwell) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (R. Brown) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 1500.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (K. Taliodoros) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Z. Arambasic) at Middle Park. Crowd: 1000.

MARCONI (Z. Nastevski 2) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (M. Talajic) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3108.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 5000.

ST GEORGE 1 (Z. Ilic) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1284.

WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (R. Easthorpe, B. Cokely, P. Brodnik) HEIDELBERG 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 889.

Top Scorers

ZLATKO NASTEVSKI	Marconi	11
IVAN KELIC	Melbourne Croatia	8
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW	St George	6
FRED DE JONG	Marconi	5
OSSIE LATIF	Sunshine GC	5
WARREN SPINK	Preston Makedonia	5

Crowds

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Demons snare a vital point

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

SOUTH Melbourne missed countless opportunities to nail Blacktown City in a lopsided 1-1 draw at Middle Park last Saturday.

Just as it did two weeks earlier, Blacktown scored early against Melbourne opposition.

In the seventh minute, exciting young striker Zlatko Arambasic bustled his way through an indecisive defence to neatly slot home a goal from close range.

South reacted immediately with a good build-up. Paul Wade released Kim Taliadoros wide on the right, who crossed beautifully to striker Danny Wright at the far post but his header, although beating 'keeper Steve Watson, floated just over the top.

Moments later, Souths received a penalty after midfielder Robert Naumov handled in the area.

Angie Postecoglou stepped up and placed the spot-kick to his right, but the lack of power and direction made it easy for Watson to save.

Hellas continued to dominate play in midfield for the remainder of the first half.

Early in the second half, Blacktown's young prospect Jason Van Blerk, wide on the left, sent a splendid cross to Lawrie McKinna, but his volley went high over the crossbar when he was in a good scoring position.

About 10 minutes into the half, Hellas finally struck its deserved equaliser when Wright found Kim Taliadoros, who had no trouble slipping the ball under Watson from close vicinity.

STEVE WATSON

Souths went marching forward in search of the winner.

Midfielder Steve Tasios did manage to find the back of the net when released by a throughball from Petersen but Tasios was deemed offside in what appeared to be a controversial decision.

Blacktown almost stole a victory via the counter-attack on two occasions, but McKinna left his scoring boots at home as he missed from close range.

But it would have been a travesty of justice had Blacktown taken both points.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Healy, Postecoglou, Fernandes, Blair, Wade, Taliadoros, Tasios, Wright (Russell 90), Petersen, Tsolakis (Mori 85).

BLACKTOWN: Watson, L.Sterrey, G.Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Odzarkov (Bennett 75), Naumov, Maier, McKinna, Arambasic (Gibson 85), van Blerk.

Referee: Alan Townsend. **Crowd:** 1000.

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Sydney Olympic's Jason Bennett surrounded by JUST players at the Sydney Football Stadium last Friday, including Gary van Egmond and Vlado Vladislevic.

Melbourne JUST too good

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MELBOURNE JUST, languishing near the bottom of the league ladder with only three victories from their 12 outings, lifted their game to toss the more fancied Sydney Olympic 2-1 at the Sydney Football Stadium last Friday evening.

The Victorians scored both of their goals in the first session as Olympic pulled back one in the 68th minute with a spectacular 25 metre free-kick by left midfielder, Alistair Edwards.

Former Socceroo Ernie Tapai earned the wrath of referee Bill Monteverde, who showed him the red card for persistent misconduct in the 70th minute.

Melbourne hit the lead as early as in the eighth minute when striker Carlos Retre zeroed in on a hot shot from Deankovic which was only parried by Olympic's giant goalkeeper, Gary Meier.

Two minutes from the break, Melbourne JUST went two up through Oscar Crino, following a perfect corner slung in from the left by fellow midfielder George Kalogeras.

Olympic dominated play and possession in the first half, yet trailed at the break by two goals.

In the 68th minute, Tapai fouled Olympic's substitute George Haniotis and from the ensuing free-kick, Edwards drilled the target from 25 metres out.

Two minutes later, Tapai was sent off and Melbourne successfully defended for the last 20 minutes to grab two precious points.

Olympic striker Abbas Saad had a glorious chance in the 73rd minute to level the scores when he streaked away from the entire defence and rounded goalkeeper, Mauro Raponi.

Although midfielder, Grant Lee was completely free on his left and right in front of goals, Saad elected to shoot himself from an acute angle and hit the side netting.

John Margaritis, Melbourne's coach, stated after the match: "That was not a red card incident for Tapai. Olympic had far more possession in the first half and they outplayed us in the second half."

Meanwhile, a dejected Olympic coach, Eddie Thomson, again reflected: "We must buy a real striker to put away our chances. In the first half our defence went to sleep and in the second half we should have nailed three goals."

Best for Melbourne were Deankovic, Van Egmond and Murphy, whilst for Olympic little Tommy Pontidas, the powerful right back Dave Barrett and Lee were the pick.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Barrett, Dakos, Hooker, Koch (Phillips 71): Lee, Pontidas, Raskopoulos, Edwards: Bennett (Haniotis 46), Saad.

MELBOURNE JUST: *Raponi: Deankovic, Van Egmond,* Karic, Mitrovski (Fabrizzio 64): Durakovic, Crino, Kalogeras, Murphy: Retre (Vladisevic 78), Tapai.

Referee: B.Monteverde. **Crowd:** 2,118.

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Forest's Littlewood's Cup

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NOTTINGHAM FOREST, who have not won a title in nine years since winning the European Champions' Cup in 1980, came back from being down a goal in the first half to take the 29th Littlewoods Cup Final 3-1 against last year's holders, Luton Town, at Wembley Stadium.

Forest have now won the League Cup four times to equal the record.

Nigel Clough, son of Nottingham Forest's enigmatic manager, Brian, starred for his father's side by scoring two of the three goals.

Ironically, it was Luton Town who looked far superior in the first half, playing a methodical 'sit back and wait' game, dangerously catching Forest out four times with spectacular breaks forward.

As early as in the 15th minute, following a corner on the right by midfielder Ricky Hill, Luton's lethal left-back Ashley Grimes exploded a vicious 20-metre drive right on target which had Forest goalkeeper Steve Sutton under extreme pressure down low.

Luton hit the lead 10 minutes before half-time when giant target-man Mick Harford climbed above four Forest defenders to head into the net from a lovely cross whipped in from the right by midfielder Danny Wilson.

Luton looked solid, composed and playing within their limits, and appeared to be well in control to claim the Cup for the second year running.

But Forest bounced back nine minutes after half-time to equalise through a penalty awarded by referee Roger Milford.

Luton's goalkeeper, Les Sealey, dropped midfielder Steve Hodge inside the box.

Clough easily scored from the penalty spot by sending Sealey the wrong way.

Luton now appeared to lose control of the match as large gaps in their midfield cracked open, allowing Forest men to pour through.

Forest went further ahead in the 68th minute when midfielder Neil Webb scored from a neat cross sent in by Tommy Gaynor from the right and over the top of the entire Luton defence.

Littlewoods CHALLENGE CUP

Fourteen minutes from fulltime, Gaynor again proved the thorn in Luton's side.

Gaynor this time fired in a flat cross from the right to set up Clough to score his second Cup Final goal, just inside the base of the left post to roll the scoreboard over to 3-1 for Forest.

It was then left to Forest's skipper, left-back Stuart Pearce, to walk up the famous Wembley steps and lift up high the Littlewoods Cup as the Wembley roar erupted across the Stadium.

Forest now has the chance of scoring the Cup double, if they can keep moving ahead by overcoming Liverpool next week in their FA Cup semi-final.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Sutton, Laws, Pearce, Walker, T. Wilson, Hodge, Gaynor, Webb, Clough, Chapman, Parker.

LUTON TOWN: Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Preece, Foster, Beaumont, D. Wilson, Wegerle, Harford, Hill, Black.

Referee: R. Milford.

SOCCEROOS LIVE ON SBS-TV

SBS-TV has decided to telecast next Sunday's decisive World Cup qualifying match between Australia and Israel live to all states, except for the host city, Sydney.

Les Murray, SBS-TV's Sports presenter informed ASW last night that the telecast was previously set down to be screened at 4.30pm.

But the network has now scheduled a live transmission, starting at 2.45pm, going to Brisbane and Melbourne.

A full replay will be screened on Sunday night in all states at 10.50pm, including Sydney.

JOHN ECONOMOS

Craig Johnston to wow them at Manly Warringah

CRAIG Johnston will entertain over 200 guests at Manly Warringah Soccer Club, Cromer Park, on Thursday 4th May, 7.30pm, in an evening of Soccer Fun.

Craig will be the star attraction with entertainment including comedian Peter Dean, sports videos and a traditional soccer meal of fish 'n' chips.

Having left for England at the age of 15, Johnston began his career as an apprentice with Middlesborough, cleaning boots for the first team players.

In contrast, later years saw him become the owner of an FA Cup winners's medal, having scored in the final for Liverpool at Wembley.

Johnston also managed to take the treasured trophy to Australia as part of the Bi-Centennial celebrations.

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Olympic reduces Friday exposure

THE BURDEN that Sydney Olympic claims to have shouldered — that of too many Friday night matches — can be cured.

Sydney Olympic fans are much keener on Sunday games, as so many of them are involved in business on Fridays.

In turn, the drop in gate receipts has a big effect on the club's finances.

An ABC spokesman said: "It seems that we weren't advised of their problem.

"Our requirement is one Friday night and on Saturday game. This can be accomplished by the clubs being called upon for only one of each during the season.

"We will have other material available from cup and deferred matches.

"The Sunday programme will be catered for by one match each from Melbourne and Sydney, plus highlights from Adelaide where applicable."

The NSL and ABC are expected to meet this week to tidy up future programming requirements.

— KEITH GILMOUR

NSL

THREE NSL Cup round 2 fixtures have been scheduled for this weekend (see advertisement on Page 12).

The next league round is 15, on week ending April 23.

There are no league games at the weekend due to the Australian Socceroo — Israel World Cup qualifier at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday.

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Send offs as Melita storms to victory

TWO players were sent off and four booked as Melita Eagles stormed to a 2-0 win against Newcastle Austral at Melita Stadium on Sunday.

Greg Brown received his marching orders in the 53rd minute as he appeared to lift his foot too high and connect with the unfortunate David Bowen's head.

The game was stopped for two minutes while Bowen was given first aid while Brown, who appeared unhappy with the outcome, trooped off the park.

Newcastle lost their rugged defender Michael Boogaard in the 71st minute. After being booked earlier for an over enthusiastic tackle, he was sent off after collecting the legs of Gustavo Cerro from behind.

Melita shot into an unexpected lead after 22 minutes. Following some tussles in the middle of the park, Hugo Gimenez took posession almost in the centre circle.

With very few helpers in the vicinity, Gimenez looked hopelessly outnumbered but raced forward like a hare, beating Boogaard then [illegible] way into the penalty area, before striking a precise right footer well wide of the keeper.

Newcastle managed to create a couple of opportunities in this period, both falling to their striker Doug Elphick.

However, the Novocastrian forward managed to hit the post with his 13th minute effort, then in the 42nd minute he screwed his shot wide after a good pass by Costa Caimakamis.

In the second half, for a short period after the dismissal of Brown, Melita looked in command. Playing with a man short they even managed to get the break which in the end assured them of both points.

Aytek Genc turned David Bowen on the edge of the penalty area, then took a couple of steps before firing an unstoppable right footer which nested in the far corner of the net.

And while the rest of the team celebrated, Genc slumped to the ground. He was carried off with a suspected groin injury.

Melita continued to come forward and should have increased their lead after a free kick by Gonzalez in the 72nd minute.

His short pass found Lenny Vial and a thunderbolt followed which beat Prentice all ends up. It struck the upright, bouncing to Cerro who was foiled by the diving Prentice.

Gimenez struck the underside off the crossbar in the 76th minute, then some magic by Cerro in the closing stages almost brought another goal.

He waltzed past two defenders to the byline before flicking the ball to an unmarked Anthony Versi, but his weak shot rebounded off the keepers' legs and was scrambled away.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Rodriguez (Cabasi 22m), Williams, Barrios, Gonzalez, Callanan, Cerro, Gimenez, Vial, Genc (Versi 66m), Brown (sent off 53m).

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL: Prentice, Bowen, Jones, Achurch, Boogaard (sent off 71m), Shell, Devon, Elphick, Bailey (McWhirter 46m), Holden (Tonks 77m), Caimakamis.

Zabala helps Penrith draw

CARLOS Zabala was the toast of Penrith Uruguay as he performed some minor miracles in goal to help his side snatch a 1-1 draw with Canterbury Marrickville Olympic at Arlington Oval last Sunday.

Zabala's save from Spiro Hantzis at the height of Canterbury's onslaught drew gasps of admiration from the small crowd.

"We should have won the game with the number of chances [illegible] to us, but it simply wasn't our day," said a disappointed Canterbury secretary Damien Fokas.

Domenic Giannone stunned the local crowd with a well taken goal in the 14th minute but Canterbury's Tony Parison replied six minutes later to see the two sides go in at halftime with a share of the spoils.

Canterbury continued to attack during the second period, but had their own problems with Giannone and Bruno Volloder breaking quickly for the visitors.

The end result was a just one, as well as a credit to the fighting outfit from Cook Park.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Papayothis, Hantzis, Plataniotis, Redman, Zervas, Godzik, Kalogeras, Parison, Oustambasidis (Claramella), Milosourgis.

URUGUAY PENRITH: Zabala, Gonzalez, Montesdeoca, Bourke, Zulj, Zullo, de Ceglie, Ortiz, Voloder, Moffwtt, Giannone.

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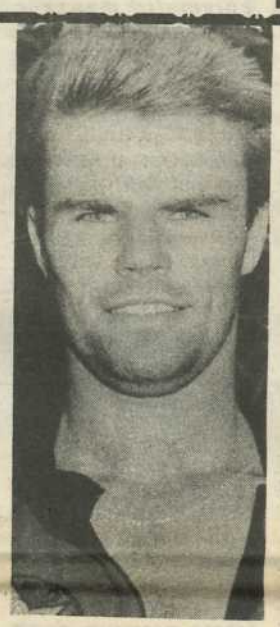

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Ambrosino is "Mr Reliable"

BY GRAHAM COOKE

IN the weeks ahead when Inter Monaro coach Walter Valeri agonises over injury, unavailability or lack of form, there is going to be one name he will probably never have to think twice about — Angelo Ambrosino.

Angelo Ambrosino . . . happy with Monaro.

Strong, skilful, with a good soccer brain and an ability to play anywhere in defence or midfield, the Tasmanian has been at the heart of the Queanbeyan-based club for five seasons through good times and bad. At 27 and just a few games short of his 150th first-team appearance, the chances are he will be there for a while yet.

He did not come to soccer as early as many in Australia. "My first school did not have soccer as a sport and it was not until I moved when I was around nine or 10 that I started playing regularly."

After that it was a question of making up for lost time. He joined Juventus, one of the leading clubs in the state, and in 1981 was among the first soccer intake at the fledgling Australian Institute of Sport.

The AIS came a year or two too late for him. "Most of us were 18 or 19 when we went there and there was never any question of us staying on for a second year," he said.

But Ambrosino had acquired a taste for the ACT lifestyle and was signed by Canberra City coach George Murray, playing in the 1982 and '83 seasons.

"I didn't get on with George's successor, Doug Collins, so I linked up with Vic Fernandez and Inter Monaro in the NSW League."

But if Ambrosino thought that might be the end of his NSL career, he was mistaken. In his first season Monaro stormed to the league championship and promoted to the national competition.

"It was an incredibly exciting time. Every serious soccer player has the ambition to perform in the NSL and to get there the way we did was tremendous."

It is history that Monaro survived just two seasons at the top and that now, back in the NSW competition, it has no real desire to repeat the experience. Even so, Ambrosino has not thought seriously about moving on.

"At my age I have to be realistic and realise the seasons when I could play at the highest level are running out. I'm happy to stay with Monaro and help them to success in the NSW League.

"I'm still not sure how we will go this season. Baz Giampaolo [Monaro's captain] said the top four, but unless we can sign another striker I think that is doubtful."

NSW State League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	3	3	0	0	10	0	6
Polonia	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Canberra Croatia	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Sutherland Shire	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Avala	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Warringah	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Canterbury	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Rockdale Ilinden	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
W'gong Macedonia	3	1	0	2	3	4	2
Inter Monaro	3	1	0	2	2	8	2
Penrith Uruguay	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Newcastle Austral	3	0	1	2	0	3	1

U/19

Canberra Croatia	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Melita Eagles	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Sutherland Shire	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
Rockdale Ilinden	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Avala	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Polonia	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Wollongong Mace	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Warringah F'water	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Inter Monaro	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Newcastle Austral	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
Penrith Uruguay	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Canterbury	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

Results

MELITA 2 (H Gimenez, A Genc) NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL 0, AVALA 0 SUTHERLAND 0, CANBERRA CROATIA 3 (M Perinovic 2, A Reis) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 2 (B Thornthwaite 2), CANTEBURY 1 (Parison) PENRITH URUGUAY 1 (Giannone). Postponed: POLONIA-INTER MONARO, ROCKDALE ILINDEN-WARRINGAH FRESHWATER.

Top Scorers

Due to an error last week Melita's Hugo Gimenez was credited with a goal scored by Greg Brown. Our list of top scorers has now been updated.

4: Perinovic (Canberra), 3: Brown (Melita), 2: Parison (Canterbury), Giampaolo (Monaro), Genc, Versi (Melita), Beamer (Polonia), McFadden (Sutherland), Bourke (Penrith), Porter (Rockdale), Thornthwaite (Wollongong)

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STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION		
Polonia v Inter Monaro	w/o	w/o
Rockdale v Warringah F/water	w/o	w/o
Melita Eagles v Newcastle Austral	2-0	w/o
Avala v Sutherland Shire	0-0	5-2
Canterbury v Penrith	1-1	4-1
Canberra v Wollongong Mac	3-2	4-1
STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION		
Waverley v Bankstown	1-6	0-6
Sydney Mac v Bathurst '75	5-0	4-3
SSC Yugal v Campbelltown	1-0	1-3
Dulwich Hill v Fairy Meadow	1-5	3-1
Gladesville v Granville Chile	1-1	2-2
Orange Waratah v Manly Warringah	1-1	0-1
North Shore v Mount Druitt	2-0	0-1
FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE		
Central Coast v Rosebery Portugal	0-0	1-3
Concordia v Southern Dists	3-1	0-1
Port Hacking v Uni of NSW	3-1	2-1
Moorebank v Mt Pritchard	w/o	w/o
C'bury & Dist v Blacktown Utd	4-3	8-0
Hills Utd v Rooty Hill W/Utd	w/o	w/o
FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR		
Fairfield Kiev v Cyprus United	w/o	w/o
North Ryde RSL v Hajduk Rangers	0-1	0-1
Petersham v Croatia Syd Jnrs	5-0	1-0
Spanish Club v Trasandinos	0-0	2-2
Nineveh Eagles v Padstow Park	w/o	w/o
Hawkesbury Dist v Eastwood St And.	w/o	w/o
FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE		
Chile Sports v SSC Zagreb	w/o	w/o
Concord Jnrs v Sporting Peru	6-0	5-0
Colo Colo v Arncliffe	2-3	2-1
Blacktown Wand v Sydney Uni	w/o	w/o
CSI Schofields v Macquarie Uni	w/o	w/o
FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX		
Cobreloa v Prospect Utd	4-5	1-3
Liverpool City v Ashour Star	w/o	w/o
Maccabi Hakoah v Abruzzi	3-1	0-3
Sydney Lebanon v Belmore Hercules	w/o	w/o
W.D. Hellas v G.N.S. United	2-1	3-4
Lithgow v Alexander	3-2	2-0
FEDERATION LEAGUE SEVEN		
Fogolar Fulan v Pagewood Botany	2-1	2-1
Balmain PCYC v AS Noantri	5-2	3-3
Assyrian v St Josephs	w/o	w/o
Lemnos Allstars v Liverpool Oly	2-1	2-2
Korean v Luddenham Croatia	w/o	w/o

Impressive wins by Canberra, Melita

Two Marko Perinovic goals and some enterprising finishing by Alan Reis lifted Canberra Croatia to a 3-2 win over Wollongong Macedonia at Deakin Oval last Sunday.

It set the stage for a top of the table tussle with Melita Eagles, who brushed past Newcastle Austral 2-0 at Melita Stadium.

And while Canberra had to battle all the way to win in the closing stages, Melita appeared to coast home.

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION with ALEX VESIC

They withstood some fierce clashes during a second half which saw two players sent off and five booked by the referee Peter Spiers.

Avala and Sutherland shared the spoils at Knight Park after an uneventful 0-0 draw.

And Penrith and Canterbury scored a goal each to take a point apiece at Arlington Oval.

Two games were cancelled due to ground conditions.

Those matches, between Rockdale Ilinden and Warringah Freshwater and Polonia and Inter Monaro, will be rescheduled.

Keepers earn their 'keep'

GREG Woodhouse and Paul Dart performed some minor miracles to keep their nets intact at Knight Park as Avala and Sutherland struggled to a 0-0 draw last Sunday.

An Andrew Brockbank error as early as the sixth minute provided Paul McFadden with an opening which should have given the Sharks their first goal.

But a fierce McFadden drive was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Woodhouse.

It was Avala's turn to despair in the 20th minute as Jim McBreen sent his shot sailing just under the crossbar but a cat-like Dart effort tipped the ball over.

McBreen almost gave Dart another taste of his powerful shooting but on this occasion the ball cleared the crossbar by a mere centimetre or two.

Russell Gendle, Avala's new signing from Blacktown City, latched on to a great throughball from Vince Nastoski early in the second half but his drive was once again pushed over the bar by Dart.

Heroics by Woodhouse continued at the other end as the Avala keeper was ajudged to have pulled down a Sutherland forward and Roy Cotton took the resuitant spotkick. But it was time for Avala's supporters to rejoice as Woodhouse made a superb diving save.

In fact, Avala could thank Woodhouse for almost giving them victory.

At the 70th minute mark Piat Lovan rose high to head towards the roof of the net but Dart was in the way once again.

AVALA: Woodhouse, Quarmby, Brockbank, Anderson, Ashton, Berry, Nastoski (Dragomirescu 84m), Benitez, McBreen, Lovan, Fitzharris (Gendle 55m).

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Edmonds, Sellar, Terry, Ensor, O'Shea, Hutchison, Christodolou, McFadden, Cotton, Sharpe.

Greg Woodhouse

Canberra wins despite subs

BY GRAHAM COOKE

WOLLONGONG Macedonia coach Casey de Bruin made what turned out to be an inspired substitution when he brought Brett Thornthwaite off the bench to replace Adam Sandy against Canberra Croatia on Sunday.

CASEY DE BRUIN

Thornthwaite scored twice in the second half but could not prevent his side going down 3-2 to a Canberra team inspired by its striking duo of Marko Perinovic and Alan Reis.

Perinovic was first on the score sheet with the only goal of the first half.

Chilean import Cucho Casali supplied a midfield ball to Peter Mazis who flicked it forward for Reis to do the hard work with a penetrating run down the right.

He drew the Macedonia defence, timed his pass to a tee and gave Perinovic the easiest of tasks in sidefooting home.

With 57 minutes gone, the unmarked Thornthwaite caught the Croatia defence napping to slip the ball past goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca from close range.

Giannasca showed his fine reaction when he saved a powerful drive from Darren Galway at the second attempt but it was Croatia who scored when a Doug Marcina corner flashed off Perinovic's head into the net.

This time the lead lasted less than 60 seconds.

A towering cross from the right went over Giannasca's head.

It was turned back across the face of the goal to where supersub Thornthwaite was on the spot for his second.

But Reis who had run his legs off all afternoon for no more than supporting player status was to get his reward 10 minutes from the end.

The ball rebounded to him off a defender.

With his back to the goal, he turned and struck his shot sweetly past Craig Burchmore for a richly-deserved goal.

Croatia conceded a free-kick a couple of metres outside the penalty box.

It looked like a rugby scrum as both sets of players jostled for places in the wall but Macedonia paid the penalty when Paul Kay's shot cannoned off one of his own teammates and away.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Giannasca, Marcina, Mazis, Junna (Fiorese 66m), Young, Glavinic, Sermanni Pratezina (Lemezina 69m), Perinovic, Reis, Casali.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Burchmore, Slaveski, Cavanah, Mears (Sweeney 81m), Wilson, Sandy (Thornthwaite 46m), Kay, Galway, Bradley, Fletcher, McKie.

Referee: G Dunster. Crowd: 1229.

Sharks need to stop Big Marko

ALL eyes will be on Marko Perinovic this Saturday as the bustling, goal-a-game striker lines up for Canberra Croatia against Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park.

The message coming from his four goals from three games to date are well known to the Sutherland defence, and Peter Terry will have his work cut out to stop the big fellow.

At the other end there will be the silky skills of Roy Cotton, who is a match winner for the Sharks. His ball control and distribution are impeccable.

Seymour Shaw Park was a happy hunting ground for Canberra on its last visit to Sydney when they thumped Rockdale Ilinden, and their results against Sutherland at the same venue are just as favourable.

It is going to be an interesting duel with Canberra certainly expected to have the edge.

Melita Eagles will be playing an 'away' game at home against Warringah Freshwater next Saturday and surely must have an edge.

Their free flowing style of football will be tested once again by the tight marking deployed by Warringah. The outcome should be decided early in the piece.

Wollongong Macedonia should return to the winners' circle at the expense of Canterbury next Saturday.

With so much at stake and following its two successive losses the locals must get their act together if they are to be serious challengers for the League title.

RAY JUNNA

Newcastle Austral are firmly entrenched at the bottom of the League ladder with one point and no goals to their name.

Avala, after a poor start, are back on track by winning in Canberra and collecting one point against Sutherland.

The Novocastrians are slight favourites despite some good form shown by Greg Woodhouse, in goal for Avala.

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This Week's Matches

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12

2ND DIVISION

Dulwich Hill	vs	Granville Chile	St George Stadium
Mount Druitt	vs	Waverley SC	Popondetta Park

SATURDAY APRIL 15

1ST DIVISION

Newcastle Austral	**vs Avala**	**Austral Park 2.30pm**
Warringah F'water	**vs Melita Eagles**	**Melita Stadium**
Wollongong Mac.	**vs Canterbury**	**TBA**
Sutherland Shire	**vs Canberra Croatia**	**Seymour Shaw Park**

2ND DIVISION

Bankstown	vs Gladesville Hornsby	Potts Park
Bathurst '75	vs Waverley SC	Carrington Park
Campbelltown Vik'	vs Sydney Macedonia	Bensley Road 6pm
Dulwich Hill	vs SSC Yugal	St George Stadium
Granville Chile	vs Orange Waratah	Garside Park
Manly Warringah	vs North Shore Utd	Cromer Park
Fairy Meadow	vs Mount Druitt	Popondetta Park

3RD DIVISION

Rosebery Portugal	vs Canterbury District	Syd. Athletic Field
Blacktown United	vs Southern Districts	Francis Park

Kick off times: First grade 3pm, Under 19 1pm, unless otherwise stated.

See a top State League match this week!

STEVE KNIGHT

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OSCAR GONZALES

Warringah Freshwater vs Melita Eagles

at Melita Stadium, Saturday 15th April

2nd grade 1pm 1st grade 3pm

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Trimboli and Markovski — two of the best

BY GREG BLAKE

IF you were an NSL coach and had to select between John Markovski and Paul Trimboli for your first team, whom would you choose?

It's an intriguing question and there probably isn't one person who could claim to have a clear answer.

What is clear is that these young Lions of the NSL are both very different players in their own right but champions all the same.

And there is no doubt that Markovski, at just 19, and Trimboli, just a year older, will be Aussie superstars of the 1990s.

Trimboli, the slightly-built South Melbourne star, has, in the words of team-mate Danny Wright, the ability to do the uncanny, the ability to produce something special.

Preston's Markovski is in the same mould.

Only Sunshine George Cross' John Gardiner has had the opportunity to coach both at senior level, which also says something for his club's youth policy that both made their senior debut at Chaplin Reserve.

"As far as I'm concerned, in their early years both of them had the potential to achieve as much as any young player overseas," is Gardiner's summation of the pair.

"They are completely different types of players, but all I know is that they don't come along very often."

Both are unassuming young men off the field, almost shy despite the sometimes unnerving media attention.

But that is where similarities end.

Markovski, or "Jonesy" as he's known to team-mates, is a huge, powerful barnstorming type,whose massive frame makes him an imposing figure as soon as he takes to the park.

Trimboli couldn't look like Markovski if he spent six months with the Canadian track and field team.

Slim and slightly built, 'Trim' is a quiet master of his area of turf, the penalty box.

It's like comparing the artful guile of Muhammad Ali to the brutish, iron-muscled strength of long-time rival Joe Frazier.

Trimboli is the Ali, able to turn a defender at will with his close skills and with as sure a finish as a Clive Allen or Ian Rush.

PAUL TRIMBOLI

Markovski is more erratic, and yet can dominate a game from any position on the park.

Markovski, with his massive legs pumping like giant pistons, can turn a game in a minute with one of his long-distance passes or bulldozing runs.

And for spectacular action, there is little to match the shooting power of the Preston champion.

If it seems like Markovski has been making headlines for years, that is because he has.

He made his NSL debut for George Cross at just 15 years of age and went on to make 68 appearances and scored 20 mostly memorable goals for that club.

"People tended to say that John was lazy, but as far as I was concerned he always covered a lot of ground," says Gardiner.

"He'd pick up something in his own box and then go on to create something at the other end.

"He can score from up to 30 metres and there are few players in this country who can match him in passing the ball up to 50 metres."

Markovski, who came from Sunshine Heights to George Cross as a junior, has now scored a further four league goals in 10 NSL outings with Preston.

At 20, Trimboli stands out as a player of exceptional skill and class in a team full of outstanding young players at Middle Park.

Unlike Markovski, the Hellas champion can struggle a bit without service.

Markovski can turn a game on his own whilst Trimboli is only a danger if he's "fed" correctly.

But once he's on the ball, you can bet it spells danger for opponents.

Trimboli, who has scored 15 NSL goals in 59 appearances, was also a senior player at 15 with Victorian League club Brighton before stints with the AIS and in the NSL with George Cross.

"Paul didn't stay as long as John with us, but he was certainly a kingpin with Hellas last year," Gardiner told ASW.

"He has the knack of making things happen although this year he doesn't seem to be in the game so much.

"But once his national team comittments finish, and he gets back into stride, I'm certain he'll finish the season on a high note."

Certainly, Trimboli has received more than his share of attention from the opposition this year, both fair and unfair, as a result of his brilliant 1988 season.

Trimboli's temperament results in him preferring to 'turn the other cheek' in the face of sometimes brutal tackling, while Markovski is prone to lose his temper.

Trimboli's ability to pick himself up, dust himself off and get on with the game has earned him the admiration of all supporters of the game.

It really is a classic line-ball trying the select between the two, and perhaps it is unfair to try.

"I'd have either one of them back at any time, no question," Gardiner said of his two former charges.

The best indication of just how good these two young men are can be gauged by the crowd reaction when they're on the ball.

Crowds seem to hold their collective breath in anticipation of something special about to happen.

More often than not it does.

JOHN MARKOVSKI

The bad joke is on Steve Gojevic

BY GREG BLAKE

STEVE Gojevic calls his predicament "an absolute joke".

And it is, only Gojevic isn't in any position to laugh because the joke is on him.

You might remember Steve Gojevic's name although you rarely hear it these days.

Gojevic, the former Melbourne Croatia star, hasn't played competitive soccer for over six months.

He was one of the seven first teamers 'sacked' by Preston Makedonia late last year during the club's purge.

And although he's arguably the best of the bunch, and certainly the most skilled, Gojevic hasn't played since and is unlikely to again this season — if at all.

In his own words, his "prospects are nil".

For the 24-year-old, once hailed as a future Socceroo, life has turned decidely sour.

And there's little he can do about it.

Gojevic is disillusioned and more than a little angry that his NSL aspirations have been put on hold.

After coming third in last year's Best and Fairest award at Preston Makedonia there was little to suggest he wouldn't go one better with the club this year.

Instead, he received a 'services terminated' letter and, to add insult to injury, Preston was asking a massive $35,000 for his services.

"Not even internationals transfer for that sort of money," an angry Gojevic told ASW recently.

"And I haven't even played for Victoria!"

Sydney Croatia showed interest for a time but Preston refused to negotiate on the Sydney club's initial $15,000 offer and the matter ended there almost overnight.

Since then there's not been a nibble and Gojevic is very much the forgotten man.

"How can anyone be interested when we're talking about that sort of money?" aska Gojevic.

"The clubs don't have that sort of money any more and because Preston won't budge I'm out of business."

A tribunal decision to cut the fee to a still hefty $26,000 has done little other than attract a brief newspaper headline.

Halfway into the 1989 season and the young star is still on the sidelines and is now spending weekends watching VFL in a bid to forget the world that has forgotten him.

"There is simply nothing I can do about it and that's what I hate most," he says.

"Even at the tribunal they said it was a ridiculous situation for me to be in.

"I would have been happy to play on at Preston and I was shocked when they said I wasn't wanted.

"Even the Preston supporters couldn't understand what happened and they were ringing me for weeks apologising for the way the committee treated me.

"No-one at Preston even had the courage to tell me why it happened and all I know is that I'm the loser in the whole business.

"I trained hard and have done my best in this game since I was a kid, but now I'm just out of business.

"Surely, my career shouldn't be finished."

Gojevic, who captained Melbourne Croatia at 20 and won eight separate trophies at that club before his transfer to Preston, is looking at a year or perhaps more out of the game.

Mainly, he believes, because Preston wronged him with the huge transfer fee.

"Late last year people around the club were talking about me as if I was the best thing since sliced bread and they'd already began to talk contract to me for 1989," he explains.

"Then they tell me I'mdumped. At least at Croatia, if they didn't like you, they just didn't talk to you — you knew where you stood with them."

Gojevic trains by himself every day and despite his dispute with the game he plays so well, he still hopes there is a way back.

He admits he's thought of "giving it away" and would have if not for the fact that he is, after all, just 24.

Late last week Gojevic's transfer fee was further reduced by the tribunal — to a more realistic $15,000.

Mysterious goings on at Olympic Park

BY GREG BLAKE

TO an outsider Melbourne's recent first round cup tie double-header at Olympic Park probably indicated that the night was a raging success.

Not so, in fact far from it and for mine officials of the NSL and Olympic Park have some questions to answer.

Admittedly, the games were a success with over 8,000 people turning out to see Heidelberg beat Melbourne Croatia and South Melbourne knock out Preston Makedonia.

But behind the scenes events left the press corps and some players mighty mystified.

The evening, for me, started with the most embarrassing scenes at the officials' entry gate to the stadium.

Parking, as we've said many times before, is certainly a scarce commodity at headquarters these days.

So the sight of half a dozen players, including the likes of international Paul Wade, being refused entry to the ground, was quite remarkable.

Wade and Co put up quite an argument, with at least one local journalist trying to enlighten the slow-moving official.

But in the end I believe the players were left to mix it with the rank and file fans to battle for car spots outside the ground while the official car park remained half-empty all night.

Then we had the debacle with the new ground announcer who introduced himself only as "Jeff" and proceeded to endear himself to all the press gallery by cutting off a journalist's phone call as he did a radio 'live to air'.

I consider that his attitude was rude and belligerent and that his announcements were below the required standards.

It was a night to remember in more ways than one.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Il Mondiale, Italia '90, the World Cup, will kick off in a little over 12 months time — June 8-July 8, 1990.

SBS Television will bring all 52 games live to Australian football fans, plus an edited highlight programme every evening in prime time television.

During the year we will bring you some of the excellent background articles appearing in "Il Mondiale" the official World Cup publication we obtained from the organising committee on a recent trip to Italia 90 headquarters in Rome . . .

The first, relating to television, appears compliments of "Il Mondiale" and gives local fans some ammunition to tell the rest of Australia that the World Cup is "The greatest show on earth" . . .

More bewitched by soccer than the moon!

SPORT may be divided into two historical periods — before and after television.

To be convinced of this you just have to consider sports' impact on society and the way we lived before the video revolution, how many people in fact played sports, how much space was allocated to sport by the existing media, how many sporting heroes achieved celebrity?

No other field has benefited so greatly from the advent of television and no other activity is so suited to it.

Thanks to sport, millions of TV sets have been sold throughout the world, record viewing figures have been achieved, and billions of dollars of revenue from advertising have flooded into the TV networks' coffers.

Thanks to TV, all those who are involved in sport have acquired wealth, popularity and social prestige. Sport has become an immense business whose ramifications stretch ever wider.

Television has opened the doors of the sporting arena to the world, so that sports heroes have become more famous than actors or singers. Ninety minutes were enough for Paolo Rossi in '82 and Maradona in '86 to become celebrities all over the world.

This is no coincidence. It was soccer, in fact, that set the all-time world record for viewing figures.

On June 29, 1986, no fewer than 652,029,000 viewers saw the World Cup final between Argentina and West Germany in Mexico City. 166 countries are represented in this figure.

In total, the entire 1986 World Cup was followed by more than thirteen and a half billion people, a record which should fall in 1990.

For the World Cup in Italy, Gilberto Evangelisti, the head of RAI sports coverage, foresees a viewing figure somewhere between 15 and 17 billion.

Of course, this is a rough estimate as there are many factors which influence the number of viewers: different local times, the presence or absence of a great soccer nation, the way the tournament turns out.

For example, the 1982 final between Italy and West Germany had 450 million viewers, about two 200 million fewer than the one in Mexico. The presence of two European teams clearly reduced the audience on the other side of the Atlantic.

But Central and South America keenly followed the success of Argentina. With 3,527,427,000 viewers, this area of the world even topped the audience of affluent Western Europe.

In 1986 no fewer than 48 African countries showed the World Cup matches, setting a record of 2,484 broadcasting hours. The viewing figure was just over a billion, which is notable considering the number of TV sets on the Black Continent.

The highest viewing figures of all-time are for sport; after the World Cup final on June 29 1986, we have the opening of the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984: 522 million viewers.

BIGGEST TV AUDIENCES*

Cup Final 1986
652

Opening of 1984 Olympics
522

1969 Lunar Landing
490

1985 Wimbledon Finals
350

*millions of viewers

Diego Armando Maradona's brilliance in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico helped the finals to the biggest TV audience of all-time — 652 million.

1986 WORLD CUP ON TV

Areas	*Countries*	*Broadcasting hours*	*Viewers for final**	*Viewers for all matches**
Western Europe	23	1570:38	145,925	3,357,573
Eastern Europe	9	701:08	108,915	2,421,600
North America	21	974:00	33,119	497,058
Central and South America	19	1536:30	141,562	3,527,427
Africa	48	2484:00	53,403	1,158,952
Asia	25	1405:11	153,516	2,278,828
Middle East	14	993:30	13,677	246,046
Oceania	7	271:10	1,912	19,205
TOTAL	166	9926:07	652,029	13,506,689

** millions of viewers*

Whoops of joy from over the Tasman

ALL WHITES SET SOCCEROOS ON THEIR EARS, AROK OFFERS NO EXCUSES, and VICTORY FANS CUP HOPES were the main headlines in the Auckland media following New Zealand's stunning defeat of the Socceroos . . .

Here are some snippets from the New Zealand Herald's Terry Maddaford.

New Zealand soccer yesterday had another golden day when the minnows of the Oceania qualifying group upset the odds and the giants of football in this part of the world with a fully deserved 2-0 victory over Australia at Mt Smart.

No one could deny that this was a victory the All Whites fully deserved.

The commitment was total and in the end the Socceroos looked as ragged as the All Whites had in Sydney three weeks earlier.

It was a victory that ranks with some of the country's finest in recent times and showed that Adshead was perhaps right when he blamed so many outside factors for the loss in Australia.

(Australia) were out-manoeuvred, out-thought and simply outplayed by the determined Kiwis.

All the individual battles within the game went the way of the home side and tended to frustrate the Socceroos, who were obviously not expecting such a turnaround in fortune.

Before the game, all the talk was either Australia, the favourites, or Israel going through to the next round.

Now that has changed as memories of the All Whites' epic comeback against the odds in 1982 were stirred.

A New Zealand win by three goals over Israel would take them to the top of the Oceania ladder . . . should the game against Israel and Australia end 0-0 New Zealand would take the group, 1-1 New Zealand and Australia would play off.

All Whites boss John Adshead recalled a similar situation back in 1981 on the road to Spain when he sent his side out against Saudi Arabia in Riyadh needing a 5-0 win to force a play-off with China.

It is now history that that victory was achieved with five first half goals and the All Whites went on to beat China.

Now Adshead is looking for a repeat.

He and his players know the odds remain firmly against them but that has, in the past, served only to provide the incentive.

On what they showed yesterday it may not be an impossible dream" . . .

Arok . . . There are no excuses . . . two goals and that's it. Wright's was a beautiful goal and came at a critical time."

Adshead . . . We found that you can get results by stopping good sides playing football . . . and that's what we did out there today.

What the whistler says . . .

THE opinion of one of Australia's leading referees on two controversial decisions against Australia in its recent matches against Israel and New Zealand . . .

★ On the Alan Davidson penalty Israel in Tel Aviv . . . "Referee Manfred Neumer would never give the same penalty decision again in his life. It was accidental hand ball and not a penalty."

★ On Steve Calderan's foul on de Jong for the freekick which led to New Zealand's first goal . . . While it was an unintentional foul by Calderan (who did not see de Jong coming on his blind side) it was considered correctly in the opinion of the referee to be dangerous play with a resulting indirect free-kick. If Calderan had intentionally kicked de Jong it would have been a red card for Calderan and a penalty for New Zealand.

★ Speaking of de Jong, the Marconi striker is making a habit of winning decisive free-kicks against the Socceroos.

Apart from "winning" the foul on Calderan in Auckland he also "won" a penalty in the Olympic qualifier in New Zealand last year when he was brought down in the box.

Until Farina's magical late equaliser that penalty looked like dashing Australia's Olympic hopes.

Tremendous Italian flavour in Victorian State League

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE's huge Soccer-loving Italian public mourned the passing of Brunswick Juventus from the NSL last year.

The club has been the flagship of the Italian community in Melbourne for almost all of the 40 years of its existence and when it tumbled from the premier league, ironically on its 40th birthday celebration year, it seemed like the passing of an era.

But six months down the track, Melbourne's Italian contingent has a healthy new outlook as they anticipate the mouth-watering prospect of a memorable Victorian State League season.

An unprecedented five Italian-backed clubs will compete in the State League this year, and all five have the credentials and drive to give the State League title, and the promise of an NSL place, a shake.

Brunswick's reputation, and indeed its mantle as Melbourne's premier Italian outfit, is up for grabs.

And the likes of Thomastown, Bulleen, Morwell and Fawkner would enjoy nothing better than taking the crown.

None more so than mighty Morwell Falcons, the State League champions back in 1984, and on the rise again under canny Scot Bobby McLachlan.

McLachlan was the coach who took Green Gully from virtual obscurity in the late 1970s to State League domination as it won three successive titles in 1981, 82 and 83.

That club's NSL foundations were built by McLachlan and the then president Guy Spiteri.

Now it is McLachlan and Falcons supremo Don Di Fabrizio who are making every post a winner at the Latrobe Valley club.

Morwell, with the best facilities in the State League, and boasting the support of the surrounding Latrobe Valley, are building a fine team.

Eight established players left the club over summer as McLachlan tried to eradicate the memory of last season's disappointing ninth position.

In their places have come quality signings like Roy Walsh (Fawkner), Sean Byrne (NZ), Jim McBride (Box Hill), Jim Nelson (Sandringham) and Greg Warzawski (Polonia).

Thomastown

If any other club is to steal Juve's No.1 rating it might well be Thomastown.

Despite the loss of coach Bill Murray to Altona Gate, the club has State League title aspirations under new boss Frank McAleer.

And why shouldn't it? Last year Thomastown pushed eventual champion Heidelberg down to the wire, slipping in just the final fortnight of the season and dropping from the top four.

It has lost little manpower over the summer, but has picked up new signings in the accomplished Dean Hennessey from Fawkner and Eddie Sinclair from Bayswater Inter in WA.

Bulleen, in just its second State League year, has got the job ahead of it on early season form, and yet who would be ready to discount a Tony Vrzina-coached team at this stage?

It was Vrzina who pulled off the remarkable feat of lifting ailing St Albans into the top four last season and on his return to Bulleen he'll be hoping to repeat the dose at that club.

Bulleen has an interesting mix of players who've helped the club up through the lower ranks and who last year struggled to come to terms with the State League.

Fawkner is at the crossroads as it comes into its seventh State League year.

Now the club is relying on a rookie coach (John Colangeli from Werribee) and a virtually new team to kick the club ahead.

Only eight of last year's squad remain, with names like Cullen, Brown, Wilson, Hennessey and Walsh culled from the list in the changing of the guard.

Brunswick Juventus is the team most likely to succeed, not just of the five Italian outfits.

Under Manfred Schaefer, it is a hot favourite for the title. Juventus blasted away for three successive wins and a draw to kick off the season.

Juve will be the yardstick for the rest of the competition in 1989 and rightly so with Egan, Marley, Laumets, Lane, Herd and Belic in its team.

Australian Rallying Cry

CAN Frank Arok bring his Socceroos back as glorious winners?

Australian Soccer followers are asking this question around the country as the Socceroos prepare for their big World Cup battle against Israel this weekend.

I believe Arok will revitalise our national team.

He knows how to fire players up. It is one of his strengths.

He excels in getting players to play beyond themselves on the big occasion.

This is the sort of test when he and his players will reach deep within for the resolve and the ability that will give them a result.

They are playing a worthy opponent.

The Israelis are packed with skill, and no nation possesses more patriotism.

But our boys are also specially selected, for ability yes, but also for mental toughness.

The Australian nation has physical and mental toughness built into its fibre, into its psyche.

It is why such a nation with a limited population excels in sport.

It is why it spawned so many heroes in war.

Australia expects its national teams to fight to the end, to never give up.

Its elite sportsmen to show a never say die spirit; the type of spirit that took a terribly depleted Balmain rugby league team to its great victory in Brisbane two weeks ago.

Sure it praises Bradman-like ability, admires the class of a Greg Chapman, the elegant grace of an Oscar Crino.

But most of all it wants its men to be men, prepared to fight to the last drop and never lie down.

That is what it will take on Sunday.

Frank Arok will expect that.

Our boys are up to it.

— MIKE JOHNSON

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ROUND 2

Friday April 14
(G) Adelaide City v Sunshine GC
HINDMARSH STADIUM 7.30PM

Saturday April 15
(H) Wollongong City v APIA Leichhardt
BRANDON PARK 2.30PM

Saturday April 15
(I) Marconi v Sydney Olympic
GROUND TO BE ADVISED 2.30PM

Wednesday April 19
(J) Heidelberg Utd v South Melbourne
OLYMPIC PARK 7.30PM

SEMI-FINAL

TUESDAY APRIL 25
Winner (G) v Winner (J)
GROUND TO BE ADVISED 2.30PM

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Australian Socceroos

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Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

AUSTRALIAN Indoor Soccer Federation president JOE BRENT this week congratulated the organisation's former executive director DENNIS MURRAY on his appointment in a similar role with the Queensland Soccer Federation.

"We wish him the very best and am sure that our previous friendly relationship will continue," he Brent said.

Last year Murray shifted home from Canberra to Beenleigh, south of Brisbane.

★★★

THE visiting Israeli soccer team will be welcomed at a private party at the Hakoah Club, in Bondi, tomorrow, Thursday April 13.

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JIM PATIKAS is recovering from the effects of a stomach operation carried out by a specialist in Belgrade. His club, AEK, is riding high — in the Greek League.

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Former Brunswick Juventus championship-winning skipper Brian Brown is now the player-coach at Melbourne First Division club Sandringham City.

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WHERE was Socceroo DAVID MITCHELL when the first call went out to check his availability for the World cup qualification decider against Israel?

The big fellow was up in Ipswich (England, not Queensland!), playing for Chelsea reserves against the home side.

He has been fighting for a first team spot since joining Chelsea from leading Dutch club Feyenoord.

DAVID MITCHELL

ILIYA TAKAC, the one time Yugal and NSW representative midfielder has been appointed coach to newly promoted State League club, Avala.

He succeeds ex-Socceroo and Marconi skipper, Tony Henderson.

★★★

SYDNEY OLYMPIC is finding the losses involved in three Friday night games difficult to bear.

Crowds and income are down, leaving vice-president Harry Zantey appealing for more Sunday home matches.

★★★

THE NSW SOCCER FEDERATION has arranged for the supply of weekly result and tables to various sections of the media through the Australian Associated Press wire service.

★★★

FIJIAN Pita Dau was in the team that upset Australia 1-0 at Nandi last November.

Next followed a players' strike and reports indicate that he received a four-year suspension.

Dau has now turned up again — this time in the Fijian rugby team.

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THE Australian Socceroo party is hoping for a change of luck to deliver the goods at the World Cup game against Israel.

Team manager Sam Papasavas was involved in 1985, when Australia lost 2-0 to Scotland, and again in the 2-0 loss to New Zealand a fortnight ago. He's due for a change of luck...

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC gained strength with the signings of Robert Ironside and Mike McGarry from New Zealand.

But when long-established Kiwi Clint Gosling and Ironside were involved for New Zealand and Peter Raskopoulos for Australia recently, Olympic had to play their club game.

Had all three been in the Australian squad they could have claimed a deferment.

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The things they wish they hadn't said dept: "No player who leaves this club will ever get a game here again," were the stern words from the Heidelberg camp not long ago.

It didn't take the same club too much time to decide it wanted Stuart Stevenson back in its time of crisis.

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Melbourne JUST's chances of pulling clear of the relegation zone look just a little better after its recent home win over Wollongong City.

But the club's NSL future could be decided in the next few weeks when it faces Melbourne Croatia, Blacktown, Apia, St George and Marconi.

Only Marconi looks too tough, and should JUST do the business against the other middle rung teams it should make itself safe.

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None too gracious words from new Heidelberg coach Miron Bleiberg about former Berger coach Jim Tansey after his club had beaten Adelaide City recently.

"If I'd have had this team since the start of the year it wouldn't be in the position it is in now," he was quoted as saying.

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Along with South Melbourne Hellas, the boys out at Preston Makedonia are also celebrating their 30th anniversary this year.

But unlike Hellas, who celebrated in style, you can't tell.

Not one word from Preston's PR people alerting the media to its birthday celebrations.

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Heidelberg can still make the top five if it gets a run together.

After its win over Adelaide City, the Bergers were just two games out of the five and still well in with a shout.

But Melbourne's notorious 'Bruce the Bookie' says it won't happen, and is offering 100-1 on the chances of the Olympic Village outfit playing in the finals.

★★★

RON CAMPBELL is just a week or two from returning to action. The former Preston skipper should be ligning up with troubled Heidelberg.

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NEALE HUMMEL, president of Canberra's popular City Club, is confident that the national capital will again become a regular member of the National Soccer League.

The club is prospering, and Neale believes the code will again obtain strong support.

Incidentally, he is the father of Chris, the former Young Socceroo goalkeeper, currently with Canterbury in the NSW State League.

Officials and guests pictured at Warringah Freshwater's Youth Presentation Dinner. Back row: l to r: Keith Gilmour (Australian Soccer Weekly), Vic Dalgleish (Australian under 16 coach), Bob Russo (director), Ziv Nrpta (president), Frank Arok (national coach), Kyp Kyriacav (director). Front: Brian McKeown (director), David Lee (NSW Director of Coaching), Richard Alagich (Warringah Freshwater Director of Coaching).

George Best in Australia

GEORGE BEST's tour of Australia in June will cost promoter Bill Millen $60,000.

The former Manchester United and Northern Irish star will be paid $30,000 for his 10-day visit.

While in Australia, Best will promote his book, "The Last 10 Years," play in charity matches and talk and answer questions at several Soccer clubs in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.

The co-author of Best's book is former Republic of Ireland international Eamon Dunphy.

The former dribbling maestro, one of the most gifted soccer players of all-time, will appear in a media benefit game on June 18 in Melbourne in which VFL stars will also turn out.

He has agreed to answer all questions at the sports nights, including those connected with the drinking problem which shortened his brilliant career.

Best is expected to kick off at a National League match in Sydney, but whereas all Melbourne and Adelaide details have been finalised, his movements in NSW are still up in the air.

SBS Sports producer Dominic Galati had a unique way of catching up on the latest football news during the recent visit to Israel. Dom perhaps cannot walk on water, but he certainly can float on it as this pic illustrates.

He was pictured floating on the Dead Sea which is 1290 feet below sea level, is 48 miles in length and 11 miles in width and is the lowest point on earth.

The curious oily feel of the water, in which nothing can live, is due to the 30% of solids it contains in the form of salts. It is impossible to sink in the Dead Sea, hence Dominic's apparent magic in floating.

The percentage of salt in the Dead Sea is over ten times that of ocean water.

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MAROONS VERSUS THE BLUES

Bertogna hot tip to captain Queensland

FORMER NSW captain Arno Bertogna could lead the Maroons against his former state in the interstate clash at Perry Park on April 25.

Bertogna, who switched to Lions from Apia this season, is believed to be among a select group of players Queensland coach Bruce Stowell is considering as team captain to replace Steve Perry, who announced last week he had retired from representative football.

Stowell will name his squad this week and his captain after the first training session.

As usual, he is keeping his thoughts very quiet, but Bertogna appears one player who suits Stowell's ideas of a state captain.

"Initially I would like a person who has had the experience of previous interstate games or a state team tour," Stowell said. "I would want my captain to have a proven record as a leader and one who leads by example."

While Stowell's description of a captain certainly fits Bertogna, he is not alone as a state captain contender.

Mount Gravatt's Alan Niven captained the side against NSW three years ago while Mark Brusasco and Billy Williamson are other experienced players in line for state squad inclusion.

But the giveaway could be a final quote made by Stowell when asked would the appointment be for this year's game only or did he intend to make a long-term captaincy appointment.

"I don't like one-offs," he said. "Before I make my decision I will be talking to a number of players and finding out their intentions with regard to Quensland soccer.

"I don't want to give the captaincy to someone who is here for 12 months, then disappears the next year."

Meanwhile, explosive Lions midfielder Nick Meredith is in danger of missing the interstate clash.

Meredith, the most in-form player in the state this season, left last weekend for a three-week North Queensland business trip.

He will miss three XXXX League fixtures for Lions and the Queensland game on April 25 unless his club or the Queensland Soccer Federation flies him back.

Meredith has told state coach Bruce Stowell of his dilemma. But Stowell has declined to pre-empt any possible solution until he announces his Queensland squad this week.

"I would be more concerned about a player missing training and vital match practice in the run into an interstate game rather than how to get him back to Brisbane for the match," Stowell said.

Arno Bertogna — switched camps

Super 6 drops out

THE Super 6 indoor soccer tournament, which provided a huge hit in Brisbane last year, has been canned for this season.

British teams, including Manchester United, Manchester City, Aston Villa and Dundee United were set to come to Brisbane in June for the event, to be called soccer 6 this season.

But negotiations with a major sponsor fell through at the last minute, forcing tournament organisers to cancel the event.

"It was very disappointing because the British teams were eager to play here," said organiser John Mulvey.

Mulvey said he would now look at the possibility of securing another sponsor to stage the event next year.

"It is obviously a brand of soccer which excites the Australian public and it is tragic that we should be so close to putting everything in place then have it fall through at the final hurdle," he said.

Dwyer's hat trick message to Lions

FORMER Brisbane Lions strike Peter Dwyer two weeks ago gave yet another reminder the club had been wrong in axing him last season.

Dwyer, a Scottish import, was de-registered by Lions to make way for defender John Lowey during the desperate days of the club's return to the NSL last season.

Dwyer returned to the Gold Coast and began to regain his goal-scoring confidence.

He starred for the Gold Coast representative team, the Gamblers, in their successful Ampol Cup run, then underlined his ability again with a hat-trick in the intercity game against Ipswich.

Dwyer was among a number of Gamblers players who stood out and made earlier claims for inclusion in the Queensland team for the interstate clash with New South Wales on April 25.

New Zealand interantional Paul Halford, mobile striker Lee Hosier and attacking leftback John Denham also had solid games.

Ipswich, who had stunned Brisbane with a fighting 4-3 win a week earlier, could have clinched the triangular intercity series with a win over the Gamblers, but their challenge faded away in the second half.

The match started at a ferocious pace in front of a huge Gold Coast crowd.

The Gamblers rallied with the support and went close with an attempt headed off the line in the 15th minute and a Dwyer shot whistling past the upright in the 17th.

Ipswich showed they were not to be taken lightly when a Brad

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SIME, CUTILLAS IN HOLTS WITH BRISBANE REFEREES

EASTERN Suburbs coach John Sime is set to become the centre of the first test of a proposed accord between Queensland referees and coaches.

Sime was reported to the Queensland Soccer Federation management committee after abusing match officials following Easts' 2-2 draw with Mount Gravatt at Dittmer Park on Easter Monday.

Sime claimed irresponsible decisions had cost his team a well-earned victory.

After berating the officials, Sime ignored pleas made at a recent meeting to refrain from media-bashing referees to launch a scathing attack on the referee and linesmen to journalists.

"I don't care if they drag me over the coals, something has got to be said. The game is being killed by people with no idea," Sime said.

"There is only so much clubs can do towards this accord. It's up to the referees to do something as well."

The events which sparked Sime's outburst were triggered by a decision late in the game that many at the ground clearly saw was wrong.

A Wayward pack-pass to Easts keeper Dave Mewburn forced the Tigers custodian to dive to grab the ball, Mewburn did the task successfully and pulled the ball into his chest nearly a metre before it rolled over for a corner.

But the linesman, who was almost 20m down the sideline, flagged for a corner. Referee John Contoudios, who was even further away, had no choice but to stick with his fellow official.

From the corner, the ball hit Easts midfielder Paul Peterson on the arm and bounced away, drawing only stifled Mount Gravatt appeals.

Contoudios had no hesitation in pointing to the spot, Mount Gravatt striker Roy Smyth converted the penalty to earn the Hawks a draw.

Sime was not alone in criticising match officials over the Easter weekend.

Olympic coach Juan Cutillas blasted an unofficial linesman for contributing to his team's 3-2 loss to Lions.

The ring-in situation certainly resulted in embarrassment for the local referees.

Retired Tasmanian referee Brian Clarkson, the father of former Lions player David Clarkson, now with Adelaide City, took on the linesman's duties when one of the appointed officials failed to turn up.

Clarkson, who was not in official referees' attire, was involved in several borderline offside decisions which Olympic claimed cost them an upset over the title favourites.

"He killed my team completely," Cutillas said. "He was not an official and had no business being in the game."

Olympic led Lions twice, had midfielder Phillip Makridakis knocked unconscious and striker Nick Moric sent-off.

Cutillas said his team was ruled offside 10 times in the second half when poised to score goals which would have clinched them the points.

But Lions coach Frank Liddell said Olympic's claims were an over-reaction and they had Clarkson to thank for not being one goal down after four minutes.

An Olympic own goal was over-ruled when Clarkson flagged for an offside Lions forward.

"They played spoiling tactics and were solely trying to catch us on the break. Teams who play that way have to expect to be caught offside repeatedly," Liddell said.

Queensland Soccer Referees Federation president Roger Marshall said he would investigate the reason the appointed official not fronting at Richlands, but he considered it unfair to criticise someone who offered to help.

"We want to keep working towards an accord, but emotional comments after the game is not the way," he said.

Sime was expected to be asked to front the QSF management this week.

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ALAN CLARK REVIEWS
The Soccer Scene in . . . SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PORT Adelaide United has First Division survival as its target in its anniversary year.

But there are encouraging signs for the future at John Hart Reserve.

"We have six first team regulars 20 years old or younger," said chairman Len Alagich.

"Players do not peak until around 25 so we've got the basis of a good future here."

Port officials have been encouraged by the side's battling start.

Richard Alagich, nephew of the chairman and a man with extensive coaching experience, including a spell in Zagreb, has produced a well-credentialled coaching video for kids.

Port youngsters got the benefit of a screening.

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BUGSY NYSKOHUS

ADELAIDE City State League coach Bugsy Nyskohus has given his young charges a bouquet for their performances this year despite sitting at the foot of the State League table.

"The lads have nothing to be ashamed of," said Nyskohus, who is in charge of a teenybopper line-up.

"I'm quite satisfied with the progress we are making. We are creating many chances but our inexperience is seeing us not put them away.

"We just need some points to give just reward to what we are doing."

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OUTSTANDING Birkalla Eagles midfield player Paul Higgins faces a lengthy lay-off with a serious knee injury received against Hellas.

The State man hopes the injury will not require surgery but he still could be out for near a month.

Higgins has played with Cumberland, Seaford and Adelaide City before becoming a key man as the Eagles' 'general' in midfield.

BIRKALLA Eagles coach Neil McGachey believes his side lost the crucial showdown with Hellas "upstairs."

"Psychologically, we did not seem to believe we could win after the 5-0 drubbing they gave us. I was very disappointed. We just did not compete, especially in midfield when Paul (Higgins) went off." said McGachey.

Meanwhile, Ian McGregor, a long-time friend and team-mate of McGachey, will train with the club to see if he can lift his fitness level to compete with the Eagles.

"We shall see how things work out, but he would be a bonus to us as he can play in several positions and has some real bite in his play — something lacking against Hellas on Saturday," said McGachey.

★★★

SOCCEROO Alex Tobin has shown he is keen to do his bit to promote junior soccer.

Tobin was among a group of SA players who gave their time last weekend to coach at a special FREE soccer clinic for boys in the southern districts of Adelaide.

The coaching day was the brainchild of FIFA referee Donald Campbell and was backed by local businesses Kewco and Coca Cola.

ALEX TOBIN

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BEOGRAD coach John Nyskohus believes he has a Second Division 'hell-raiser' in striker Darren Moss.

The former State man devastated Enfield recently with four goals and Nysko predicts a big year for the lightning-quick marksman.

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REFEREE Jim Rossis had to withdraw from Friday evening's Adelaide City-Apia game at Hindmarsh because of the death of his father, Vikendios. Donald Campbell handled the game. Our sympathies to the Rossis family.

Adelaide City's Paul Shillabeer and Heidelberg's Willie Raynes go for the ball in the course of their Round 12 NSL match at Olympic Village, Melbourne. Photo by CARMELO BAZZANO.

POLONIA FLAGSHIP

MARVELLOUS Mariusz Niewiadomski is the flagship of the fighting Polonia fleet in the SA State League.

And he should have guns blazing again on Saturday when the League leaders are in Port Adelaide to meet the local United.

Niewiadomski sunk previous leaders Lion with two goals on Saturday in a 4-1 win.

His opportunism was the difference between the sides.

But the Magpies of the Port, in a surprise fifth spot thanks to Grusevic and Dacic goals downing Adelaide City 2-0 on Saturday, will make it tough.

Hellas overcame the challenge of Salisbury with two goals from mercurial Jimmy Keramidas.

The free-flowing Blues of Peter Jaksa should win against Campbelltown's fireless Red Devils.

Champion Croatia has scrambled to a point in each of its last two games and should have too much power at home for dour, determined but goalless Adelaide City.

Lion can regain poise and position against Para which does not have the same kind of scoring power as Polonia.

Grange will not be the place for excitement, but Lion can edge in.

Birkalla Eagles came a cropper against exciting Azzurri and will meet a mighty challenge in Salisbury, which has threatened without firing so far this season.

Azzurri likes to attack and, despite meeting a strong Modbury defence, should collect maximum points at Adey Reserve.

THREE DIVISIONS MOOTED

SA soccer could switch to a new, challenging three-division system — but not before 1991.

A steering committee has been given the right by the Council of Clubs to look at a possible three, eight-club system for the State competition.

"A meeting of the clubs last week gave the chairmen of the First and Second Divisions and Amateur League the right to look at the format of the local comeptition and it will be brought back for discussion at the next council of clubs, probably in November," said Mike Wells, whose position as general manager of the SASF was ratified at the meeting.

"A similar revision of the format worked in Scotland so there must be a chance it could here, too.

"We need to get quality into the competition and add stimulation for clubs to improve their position.

"But things will stay as they are for next season as there has to be 12 months' notice of any alteration to the existing format.

"We shall have to wait to see how the council of clubs react to proposals to change the system."

A new-look format of three divisions of eight clubs, with two up and two down, possibly based on a play-off system similar to that used in England, are options which could be looked at.

ADELAIDE WHISPERS

MODBURY coach Steve Amos is stepping up the fitness work of his side in a bid to improve performance.

And he would like to arrange a couple of midweek practice games so he can experiment with the formation of his side.

"Myself included, we, with a few exceptions, are only working at about 60 or 70 per cent fitness," said Amos.

"I plan to introduce a lot of work on Tuesdays until we get ourselves to the right fitness level. Coming in so late it also has been difficult for me to see just who can do what without the pressure of having to get points.

"So I'd like to organise some midweek games so we can experiment and get things in order."

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CAMPBELLTOWN veteran Garie Dooley is helping put SA soccer on the map over the airwaves.

Dooley joins Ian Aitken for 20 minutes every Tuesday and Friday evening from 5.20pm on radio station 5AA.

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***HELLAS skipper Alby* Kidd had a big weekend to remember.**

His wife Maureen presented him with their fourth child, Jamie Albert, on the Friday, and, next day, Kidd was the player who was the difference between Hellas and Birkalla Eagles.

Meanwhile, Hellas coach Peter Jaksa was rich in his praise of star goalkeeper David Miller.

"He is a monument," said Jaksa, enthusiastically. "He is a very imposing character and he marshalls our defence superbly, keeping everyone on their toes.

"He is a most difficult man to get past."

★★★

THE SA Amateur League has opened its 25th anniversary year.

President Ian Gosland promises it will be a year to savour, with many special events planned. These will involve many past players and officials.

★★★

MODBURY's negotiations to bring two English players to SA have fallen through.

When one player was refused a clearance by his club, the other decided to stay in the UK.

★★★

YOUNG Salisbury goalkeeper Chris Terpcou has signed for English club Crewe Alexandra.

And defender Tim Brown has been given on loan to a Queensland outfit.

"We have the class here. It's up to the players to get the attitude right."

Jimmy Hughes is likely to have a tagging role on Hellas kingpin Alby Kidd with Norman pondering several other team options.

John Williams is ready to resume his midfield role after two reserve outings on his return from groin *surgery and Salisbury* expects to welcome back veteran Harry Bell this month after a lay-off with a knee problem.

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POLONIA players this season have the best possible incentive to win — MONEY.

A new pay system has the side fired for victory.

"We pay the players more for the position they hold in the League," said Polonia secretary John Sosnowski. "So if we win and go to the top there will be more for the men who do the job — the players. Its a scaled pay system that gives the boys a real incentive."

★★★

On the ball! Concentration from Zarko Odzakov of Blacktown Demons (white shirt), with Preston's Robert Markovac no less concerned. Olympic Park action from Carmelo Bazzano.

Tough Scottish draw for Joeys

U16 SCOTLAND '89

BY LOU GAUTIER

FIFA did the Joeys no favours in the under 16 World Cup to be played in Scotland in June.

The draw for the finals was made in Glasgow last Friday, under the supervision of FIFA president Joao Havelange.

The Australians inherited the toughest group of all, by far.

Australia are drawn in the Aberdeen-based Group B, with Brazil, a qualifier from Europe and the United States.

Brazil, as always, rate amongst the favourites; the Americans have improved at all levels and whoever survives from the European qualifying tournament next month is bound to provide classy opposition.

Despite Australia's splendid win against Brazil in the 1987 World Cup in Canada, the Joeys cannot logically be expected to fill one of the top two places in their group to reach the quarter-finals.

Scotland, the hosts, were given an armchair passage into the quarter-finals, against Third World Ghana, Cuba and Bahrain.

Australia could have joined the Scots there had they been playing in Glasgow and Motherwell.

We also would have been favoured for a quarter-final berth had we been drawn in the Edinburgh group, along with the top European qualifier.

Even Group C, with Argentina, China, Nigeria and Canada, is much easier than the one the Joeys have been saddled with.

FIFA again showed its contempt for Australian football by in-

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VSF

FIRST DIVISION with Angelo Sticca

Brunswick Juventus back in the lead

JUVENTUS regained top spot on the table after disposing of Green Gully thanks to goals from its younger brigade.

Fielding one of its youngest sides for quite some time, Juventus, who were missing Willie Herd and Scott Patterson in the midfield, took the lead in the 35th minute from a move started from defence.

Fausto De Amicis won the ball and brought it up to the middle where he found Charlie Egan, who passed to Giaccherini, whose return cross found De Amicis, who calmly scored his first senior goal.

Green Gully did well to keep Juve out, but in the 53rd minute Brunswick scored its second thanks to Paul Della Rocca, who scrambled the ball into the net from a freekick.

Green Gully picked up its game after this, creating good chances and pressuring the Juventus defence.

Gully's consolation goal came a minute from time when a good cross found McLelland, whose shot found the back of the net.

JUVENTUS: Laumets, Marley, Coady, Della Rocca, Belic, Lane, De Amicis, Giaccherini, Egan, Minichiello (55th Triuico) Klepac (8th Glockner).

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Napoli, McMillan, McLelland, Cutler, Chetcuti, Wilson, Pender, Farquahrson, Sweeney, Elsey.

NORTHCOTE CITY 2 RINGWOOD CITY 0

Northcote City continued their good form with a win over injury-hit Ringwood City.

Atrocious finishing from Ringwood's forwards allowed Northcote to stay in the match, and in the 70th minute it was Northcote who took the lead after Patiniotis scored from a Woodall freekick.

Five minutes later, Northcote's Thodis scored the second goal after capitalising on a defensive error.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia, Beklaris, Harris, Palmaricciotti, Kouremenos, Patiniotis, Woodall, Carroll (Thodis), Tsangas, Panagopoules.

RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley, Wemyss, Cummings, Cocker, Muir, Morks, Nolan, Phillips (Wall) Verniers, Corvan, Davie.

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 FAWKNER 0

Springvale won its second point this season after drawing with Fawkner.

Fawkner, having signed ex-Box Hill dynamo George Campbell mid-week, played out the majority of the match with only 10 men after Petricca was sent-off in the 28th minute for a second bookable offence.

This setback denied Fawkner the freedom to attack in numbers, and Springvale's attacks were often met with a packed defence.

Both teams had chances to score, none better than that which fell to Fawkner's Stenson, who with only the 'keeper to beat, received a bad bounce, which resulted in his shot missing the target.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian, Whyte (Keenan 57th), Bissinger, Reilly, Fourna, Rolleman, Livingstone, Varechia, Adams, Findlay (Bradon 76th) Webster.

FAWKNER: Barba, Cosentino, Schipano, Petricca (sent off 28th) Sabatino, O'Dell, Campbell, Beatty, Tuffield, Hanna, Stenson.

FRANKSTON PINES 0 BOX HILL 0

Frankston Pines and Box Hill shared the points in a match dominated by the defences.

In a game which saw no clear chances created, both teams settled for a point.

Both clubs are hit by injuries and players who have left.

FRANKSTON PINES: Davies, McDonagh, Drinoczky, Dick, Watson, Stirton, Miller, Ross, Redecaey, Bothwell Weir.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, McCleod, Cooper, McArthur, Thomas, Agan, Hanley, Kennedy, Davidson, Alexander, McPhee.

CROYDON 4 POLONIA 0

Croydon recorded its third consecutive win with a whitewash of Polonia.

In a match which saw Croydon completely dominate proceedings, a scoreline of seven or eight nil was quite achievable.

Andy Humble opened the scoring, and Steve Brimmer made it 2-0, after a Humble shot rebonded off the post to the waiting forward.

An own goal conceded by Polonia further added to its problems, and Humble finished off the scoring to make it 4-0.

CROYDON CITY: Runje, Roodhouse, Dobson (Quigley 80th), Brown, Langsbury, Brack, Scott, Mcintosh, Brimmer (G. Runje 70th), Humble, Van Egmond.

MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio, Rocsandic (h/t Baran), Farrugia, Innes, Lakic, Blichart, Czapnik, Bonk, De Bono, Nelson, Lipiarski.

BULLEEN 1 THOMASTOWN 2

Thomastown notched its second win of the season in a lacklustre match.

Thomastown took the lead in the 25th minute when Dougherty struck a 25-metre shot which somewhow eluded the Bulleen keeper, and landed in the back of the net.

Bulleen equalised in the 30th minute when Curculli found the back of the net with a well-struck header from a corner kick.

Thomastown's winner came in the 35th minute after George McMillan found an unmarked Cristaldo on the far post, who simply hit the ball home for the winner.

BULLEEN: Contini, Marson, Incantalupo, Ruccia, Curulli, Krajacic, Livingstone, Trogiric, Bosikas (Sella) Milosevic (Avian), Lujic.

THOMASTOWN: Janiakievski, Mihos, Mihalidis, Higgins, Athersych, Carfora, Dougherty, McMillan (Di Martino) Sinclair, Ragusa, Hennessey, Cristaldo.

CAULFIELD CITY 1 MORWELL FALCONS 0

Morwell Falcons lost its first league match of the season, falling victim to a goal from the in-form Nick Deligianis.

Deligianis's 72nd minute goal settled what had been avery close affair, and despite the number of chances which fell Morwell's way, it was one of those days where nothing went right for Bobby McLachlan's team, who had previously led the League table for four weeks.

CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer, Bitsonis, Kountouris, Fattore, Theoharous, Filipou, Drakeford, Aretis, Pappas, Deligiannis, Zolatarev.

MORWELL: Reynolds, Bingham, Bruns, Walsh, Byrne, Doyle, Basara, McBride, Cassar, O'Donnell, Warzawski.

ST ALBANS 1 ALTONA GATE 1

St Albans opened the scoring in the 55th minute when Zjelko Gagula twice hit the post prior to putting the ball into the net.

Altona Gate equalised in somewhat controversial style in the 70th minute, when a shot from Tom Markovski pounded against the underside of the bar, with the referee judging that the ball had crossed the line.

Alban were the better team and did not deserve to drop a point.

ST ALBANS: Gregic, Simovic, Bozic, Kuzman, Kupsic, Morovic, Dragovic, Babic, Pondeljak, Dezic (70th Culina) Gagula.

ALTONA: Lee, Illieski, Momirovski, Markovski, Bayrne, Nicaski, (Micevski), Asilmovski, Georgieuski, Ristovski, (Tortevski 58th) McMullen, Davis.

Paul Della Rocca scores Juventus' second goal against Green Gully as 'keeper Charlie Sant lies prostrate. Juventus regained the lead in the Victorian State League as a result of its 2-1 win.

Heidelberg's John Kanesoulis clears the danger against Adelaide City two weeks ago while 'keeper Michael Chatzitrifonos awaits the outcome — pic by CARMELO BAZZANO.

Victorian State League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick Juv	6	4	2	-	12	3	10
Altona Gate	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
Morwell Falcons	6	4	1	1	9	4	9
Croydon City	6	3	2	1	9	3	8
Caulfield City	6	4	-	2	11	8	8
Northcote City	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
St Albans	6	2	2	2	5	4	6
Fawkner	6	2	2	2	4	6	6
Bulleen	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Box Hill	6	1	3	2	6	8	5
Thomastown	6	2	1	3	5	7	5
Green Gully	6	2	-	4	6	9	4
Ringwood City	6	1	2	4	5	10	4
Polonia	6	1	2	3	3	9	4
Frankston Pines	6	1	2	3	6	13	4
Springvale City	6	-	2	4	2	6	2

Results

CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Deligiannis) MORWELL FALCONS 0. ST ALBANS 1 (Gagula) ALTONA GATE 1 (Markovski). NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Patiniotis, Thodis) RINGWOOD CITY 0. JUVENTUS 2 (De Amicis, Della Rocca) GREEN GULLY 1 (McCelland). CROYDON CITY 4 (Humble 3, Brimmer o.g.) POLONIA 0. FRANKSTON PINES 0 BOX HILL 0. BULLEEN 1 (Curilli) THOMASTOWN 2 (Cristaldo, Dougherty) SPRINGVALE CITY 0 FAWKNER 0.

Top Scorers

4: Basara (MF), Woodall (NC), McMullen (ALT), 3: Incantalupo (BULL), Egan (JUVE), Humble (CROY), Gagula (ST ALB), Sokoluk (MF), 2: Byrne (MF), Morovic (ST ALB), Tsangas (MC), Bonk (POL), Davey (RING), Herd, Patterson (JUVE), Markovski (ALF), Bozikas, Lujic (BULL), Stirton (FP), Emmanuele (FAWK), Farquahrson, McLelland (GG), Brimmer (CROY).

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:
Saturday Morwell Falcons v Croydon City, Altona Gate v Northcote City, Thomastown v Box Hill.
Sunday Juventus v Polonia, Green Gully v Bulleen, Fawkner v St Albans, Ringwood City v Caulfield City, Springvale City v Frankston Pines.

DID YOU KNOW?

— That a Soccer competition kicked off on the Goldfields at Kalgoorlie, West Australia in 1900?

The same year, inter-city games with Perth were inaugurated.

— That a record crowd of 4000 saw West Wallsend (Northern NSW) defeat Balgownie (NSW South Coast) in the NSW State Cup final in 1901?

NORTHERN NSW

News and Views

FROM DAVE WILLIAMS

Brave Cessnock City back to Big League

CESSNOCK City celebrates its return to the Northern NSW State First Division next Sunday when it meets Lake Macquarie City at Macquarie Field in the opening series of the 1989 premiership.

Cessnock's re-entry to the top division is a tribute to the quality of its administrators and the loyalty of its playing staff.

Back in 1983, Cessnock had outstanding debts of some $16,000 and was in danger of having to wind up its operations.

But, people of strength like Neville Broadbent, Kevin Chappell, Kevin Price, Colin Francis, Garry Fairleigh, Trevor Howard, Stuart Lang, and more recently, Greg Ingham — to name a few — gradually overcame that obstacle to the club's progress.

While its revival began to take shape, Cessnock was living in the shadow of the Stockton Sharks.

But Cessnock took advantage of Stockton's elevation to the First Division last year by winning the Second Division first grade premiership and grand final as well as the second grade premiership, but was a beaten grand finalist.

Its under 18 team finished third in its premiership and was a minor semi-finalist.

Cessnock, despite having been runner-up to Stockton in successive premierships before last season, won three straight grand finals in 1986-87-88, adding substance to the club's belief that it will mark the 1989 season with some sterling performances.

PRE-SEASON FINAL

Weston bears up with Beckett, Green goals

WESTON Bears sprang a surprise last Sunday when they took out the pre-season final with a 2-0 win over the premier, Adamstown Rosebud.

Adamstown had earned favouritism for its first success of the new season.

But Weston scored in each half and confounded the critics by keeping Rosebuds scoreless.

In the play-off for third and fourth places, Belmont-Swansea United beat Cardiff 2-1 in another entertaining match.

Former West Wallsend striker Robbie Green scored in the 30th minute to give Weston a half-time lead.

Midway through the second half, right-side striker Anthony Beckett added a second goal to ensure that the $500 first prizemoney went into Weston's bank account.

Belmont-Swansea United and Cardiff were level at 1-1 at half-time after Dale Turner had given Belswans the lead and Stephen Pettit equalised from a penalty kick.

Belswans' winner was provided by Anthony Stuart.

GARY PHILLIPS — brother Jimmy scored.

In Benchmark Cup games played at the weekend, North Coast Premier League beat Tweed District 1-0 at the Coffs Harbour Showground and Manning District forced a similar result over Port (Macquarie) United at Tuncurry.

The match at Coffs Harbour was a thriller that went into extra-time when Jimmy Phillips — brother of Sydney Olympic's Gary Phillips — struck the decider.

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Bankstown, Macedonia in scoring sprees

BY PAUL GOODWIN

DESPITE the gloomy conditions, a good-sized crowd was on hand at Waverley Oval last Saturday to see 6-1 winners Waverley take on Bankstown.

The crowd was given a taste of what was to come when Dave White and Danny Volarich both came close to scoring in the opening six minutes for the visitors.

The speed of their younger Bankstown opponents had Waverley in a bit of bother, but they managed to take the lead after 11 minutes through a typical Barry Walker header after Bobby McPherson had made a good run down the flank.

A minute later, the fleet-footed Darren James had the scores level following a solo run ahd when James combined with Ian Parry in the 31st minute Danny Volarich put Town into the lead with a smart piece of finishing.

Five minutes later, Dave White was tumbled by Martin Docherty and from the resultant free-kick, White himself eventually found the net.

Waverley began the second period in good fashion, but Dave White had the visitors further ahead when he ran onto a long ball from deep, and further goals from Mark Callanan and James again, made it look like a cakewalk for Bankstown.

It will be interesting to see if Gladesville can stop this youthful side at Potts Park on Saturday.

Gladesville had very little to offer in the way of shots against Granville-Chile at Pioneer Park, but got the first goal from Graeme Williamson, whose individual effort in the 62nd minute opened the game up.

Granville-Chile equalised through Dennis Duarte 12 minutes later, after the visitors earlier had shown a reluctance to test the Gladesville 'keeper when in sight of goal.

The shot-shy South Americans wanted to play stylishly, but had little hunger for goals and they will need to correct that when they face Orange at Garside Park on Saturday.

Orange had a Manly defender to thank for yet another home point when a harmless looking long ball from Robbie Brown was diverted into the Manly net in the 80th minute, although Craig Carlisle seemed in control of the situation and this undid the good work of Mark Butler earlier on.

Tom Cavin's cross in the 59th minute was only parried by Hooper in the Waratah goal and Butler needed no prompting to put the ball over the line.

Manly's dogged resistance against all comers points to a tough derby against North Shore on Sunday.

Yugal, the 1-0 winner, and Campbelltown played out a game which saw only two worthwhile shots all afternoon.

Yugal took advantage of theirs, with Tomasic ghosting in at the far post to head home nicely from a corner on the left.

The Vikings had a chance five minutes earlier, in the 20th minute, to take the lead, but Wotherspoon's shot was cleared off the line.

Two otherwise shot-shy sides will need to increase their goals tally if they are to move up the ladder.

Campbelltown have a tough home game with Sydney Macedonia to look forward to and Yugal must face the wayward Dulwich Hill at St George Stadium.

The Dulwich Hill bubble burst on Sunday, with the still unbeaten Fairy Meadow cutting a swathe through a brittle home defence.

Meadow did a good marking job on star players Barros, Beres and Harris and Madeira could not function.

The South Coast side cruised to a 3-0 lead by half-time, with veteran Harry Sattin claiming a rare hat-trick.

Sattin opened his account in the 15th minute with a top header, added to his tally in the 29th and made it three with a crashing volley in the second half. Larry Beringer had scored the side's third in the 33rd and Dulwich Hill had a semblance of a chance when they pulled once back right after the restart through Chris Harris.

Meadow put paid to that with a Richard Lloyd goal and it was left to Sattin to wind it up in the 80th minute as Meadow did as they pleased. It is now up to the Portuguese side to get back on the rails and Yugal may well be on the receiving end this Saturday.

Sydney Macedonia had a resounding 5-0 win over the plucky Bathurst side at Jensen Park and are definitely the most consistent and feared side in the competition now.

The side has not dropped a point since the opening round and has conceded only two goals, both in that opening game against North Shore United.

They are bound to give Campbelltown a good workout and must start favourites.

Sydney Macedonia had Bathurst reeling with an early Scott Gilbert goal from a Fabian Kadric pass and Sasha Spirovski's header from a Pilovski cross gave them a 2-0 half-time lead.

Bathurst had a flurry soon after the resumption when they rattled the crossbar, but Gilbert was on target again soon after.

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The same player set up debut-boy Louie Talevski for a nicely taken half-volley and after Gilbert had been brought down int the box, Kadric made it five from the spot.

Two sides without a win, Mount Druitt and Waverley, are hoping to stage their deferred fixture at Poponetta Park tonight (Wednesday) if the Mount Druitt pitch dries out in time.

RESULTS: Waverley 1 (Walker) Banaktown 6 (James 2, White 2, Volarich, Callanan), Sydney Macedonia 5 (Gilbert 2, Spirovski, Talveski, Kadric) Bathurst 0, SSC Yugal 1 (Tomasic) Campbelltown 0, Dulwich Hill 1 (Harris) Fairy Meadow United 5 (Sattin 3, Beringer, Lloyd), Gladesville-Hornsby 1 (G. Williamson) Granville-Chile 1 (Duarte), Orange Waratah 1 (o.g.) Manly-Warringah 1 (Butler), North Shore United 2 (N. Hunter, Jeffery) Mount Druitt Town 0.

LEADING SCORERS: 7 Sergio Barros, 5 Dave White, 4 Robbie McKegan, Fabian Kadric, Mark Butler, Harry Sattin.

WAYNE FARNSWORTH

Ryan, Jeffery on target

BY MICHAEL DEANE

NORTH SHORE United, playing at Parklands Oval for the first time this season, lifted their game considerably and, urged on by the local spectators, defeated Mt Druitt Town 2-0.

Mt Druitt opened the game purposefully and forced a series of corners which failed to produced any worthwhile shots at goal.

By the middle stages of the half, North Shore had settled into their rhythm and began to make their presence felt.

United midfielder Drek Ryan made a solo run, which finished with his shot hitting the upright, and this was just one of many occasions when 'Lady Luck' denied them success.

Mt Druitt, through Charlie van der Bosch, forced its way into the box but was closed down quickly.

Craig Lowe was unable to bring his shot under control in similar circumstances.

In the second half, the home side squandered a number of clearcut chances before Town were denied by custodian Criag Thornton, who made a fine save from the head of David Close after a smart cross from the right by Wayne Farnsworth.

Seconds later David Bennett made a break upfield and shot powerfully, only to be denied by the crossbar.

Bennett was involved again when he directed a well placed pass to the feet of Neal Hunter, who was moving into the box.

Hunter shook off two defenders before slamming the ball into the roof of the net in the 82nd minute.

Three minutes later, Ryan was pulled down by Town's keeper Kevin Farrar. Alas, Mike Berry shot wide from the spot.

With one minute remaining on referee McGregor's watch, Glen Jeffery put to good use a perfect pass from defender Tim Glasby and cut inside before putting the issue beyond doubt with a low angled drive.

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Sydney Mace	5	4	1	0	12	2 9
Fairy Meadow	5	3	2	0	11	3 8
SSC Yugal	5	3	1	1	7	4 7
Gladesville Hby	5	2	3	0	8	6 7
Bankstown	5	3	0	2	10	6 6
Dulwich Hill	4	3	0	1	13	10 6
Manly Warringah	5	2	1	2	9	10 5
Orange Waratah	5	1	3	1	8	9 5
North Shore Utd	4	1	2	1	7	6 4
Campbelltown Vk	5	1	2	2	5	4 4
Granville Chile	4	0	2	2	2	6 2
Mount Druitt	4	0	1	3	2	7 1
Waverley	3	0	0	3	2	10 0
Bathurst '75	5	0	0	5	3	16 0

FED. LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Rosebery Portugal	3	2	1	0	6	2 5
Central Coast	3	2	1	0	3	0 5
Port Hacking	3	2	0	1	15	3 4
Concordia	3	2	0	1	8	7 4
Moorebank L'pool	3	1	1	1	3	3 3
Mt Pritchard	2	1	0	1	4	3 2
Rooty Hill W/Utd	2	1	0	1	5	5 2
Southern Dists	2	1	0	1	3	3 2
Canterbury & Dist	3	1	0	2	7	10 2
Uni. of NSW	4	1	0	3	3	7 2
Hills Utd	2	0	1	1	3	4 1
Blacktown United	2	0	0	2	3	16 0

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Campbelltown Vk	5	4	1	0	12	5 9
Manly Warringah	5	4	0	1	12	5 8
Bankstown	5	3	0	2	25	7 6
Gladesville Hby	5	2	2	1	5	4 6
Mount Druitt	4	2	1	1	5	3 5
Orange Waratah	5	2	1	2	7	6 5
Bathurst '75	5	2	1	2	20	21 5
Sydney Macedonia	5	2	1	2	8	10 5
Dulwich Hill	4	2	0	2	8	8 4
Granville Chile	4	1	2	1	4	4 4
North Shore Utd	4	1	1	2	4	5 3
Waverley	3	1	1	1	3	8 3
SSC Yugal	5	0	1	4	3	12 1
Fairy Meadow	5	0	0	5	4	22 0

FED. LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Rosebery Portugal	3	3	0	0	16	1 6
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Moorebank L'pool	3	0	0	3	1	10 0
Blacktown Utd	2	0	0	2	0	9 0

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MR KARL REUSCH founded his glove factory over half a century ago in the southern part of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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NSL keepers like Jeff Olver, Tony Franken, Clint Gosling, and Warwick Young don't like the idea of being without them at all.

"Reusch" also markets top quality goalkeeper wear, including padded jerseys in different colours and designs, shorts, trousers, as well as other accessories for the goalie.

Since the beginning of 1989, Reusch Australia Pty Ltd in Sydney, managed by Martin Reusch, a son of the founder Karl Reusch, is wholesaling the full range of goalkeeper products in Australia.

Staff inspect the quality of the base material for use in manufacture of 'reusch' product lines. INSET: Karl Reusch, who established the company with his wife Klara.

TASMANIA

Success for Statewide League

BY WALTER PLESS

THE Cadbury State League soccer competition began its second season last Saturday, but with a difference.

Whereas last year was, in effect, a trial season, with no promotion or relegation, this year will be in earnest.

Most problems, both in terms of administration and on-field events, will have been ironed out, so fans can look forward to a top-class competition.

And, there will be everything to play for, with the wooden-spooner relegated at season's end and replaced by a team from the same region, that is, either northern or southern Tasmania.

Robin Pulford, the State League manager last season, deserves much credit for putting the League on a solid foundation.

Now that Mr Pulford has resigned, it is to be hoped that his successor, the clubs and other administrators will build on his work and make the competition a real success.

The season has begun well with a very successful Cascade Summer Cup competition in the South and Century Motors Steve Hudson Cup series in the North.

If they are any indication of what is to come, the State League will be worth watching.

The ten-team league has one new outfit — Burnie United has replaced George Town United, which withdrew its nomination.

The Southern participants are White Eagle, Hobart Juventus, Olympia, Croatia-Glenorchy and Caledonian.

The teams from the North are Launceston Juventus, Launceston (formerly known as Launceston Matric), Devonport City, Ulverstone and Burnie United.

New players from overseas and interstate, new coaches, and old faces at new clubs will be a feature of the league this season.

The conditions at most grounds are excellent -- Devonport's Valley Road is reported to be outstanding -- and this should foster high-quality soccer.

The 1988 Cadbury State League final standings were.

White Eagle 45 points, Olympia 37, Launceston Juventus 31, Hobart Juventus 28, Devonport City 28, Croatia-Glenorchy 20, George Town United 19, Ulverstone 17, Launceston Matric 13, Caledonian 12.

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MARK BRUSASCO

Smith header was cleared off the line by Fred Stone in the 25th minute.

But the near goal appeared to gap Ipswich's concentration and within seconds the Gamblers had counter-attacked and Dwyer put the ball into the net, brilliantly volleying a Denham Cross.

The goal snapped Ipswich back to their best form and five minutes later they were back on level terms when Smith Chaipped in from the left.

The flight of the ball deceived Gamblers keeper Darryl Edwards and lobbed into the back of the goal.

The goal-scoring continued and four minutes later the Gold Coast was ahead again when Dwyer headed in a Max Sedano cross, the ball taking a severe deflection off Ipswich defender Alan McFarlane.

Ipswich had a chance to be on level terms at half-time when Brusasco put Daunt through, but he missed a one-on-one chance.

The standard of the second half deteriorated, although Gold Coast never looked like losing their lead as Halford took a stranglehold on the midfield.

Not surprisingly, the home side added a third goal when subsitute Andrew Brayshaw, who had been on the park only two minutes, crossed from the left for the unmarked Dwyer to easily tap in for his hattrick.

Israel back in Oceania!

BY LOU GAUTIER

ISRAEL is to return to the Oceania region for the 1991 Youth World Cup.

This is a case of good news and bad news for Australia.

With Israel back in Oceania, FIFA won't be able to force the group winner to play off against Asian opposition for a place in the finals as the Arab-dominated Asian Soccer Confederation doesn't recognise Israel.

That's the good news — the bad news is that Israel has a strong youth team which will make it much tougher for Australia to win the Oceania tournament.

It's also hard to believe FIFA will automatically qualify the Oceania winner for the finals.

Who wants to bet we'll again have to play-off — this time against a team from Central and North America?

Oceania president Charles Dempsey received the news of Israel's return to the region on the eve of his departure to plead Oceania's case as a viable confederation.

"It looks like Oceania will survive, otherwise they wouldn't return from the South American group where they were placed last year," he said.

Dempsey travelled to Zurich to recommend to FIFA that an extension of time be given to allow Oceania to develop.

FIFA was seriously considering disbanding the Oceania Confederation and attaching Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific island nations, plus political "outcasts" Chinese Taipei and Israel, to CONCACAF — the union of North and Central American Soccer associations.

The late news is that Oceania has won a reprieve. FIFA has decided to set up a three-man committee to study the future of the troubled confederation.

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cluding us with Bahrain, Canada and Saudi Arabia in the so-called "weakest" barrel in the draw.

They rated Cuba, the USA, China and Guinea above us by placing them in a higher category, while the four seeds were Scotland, Brazil, Argentina and Europe's top qualifier.

The groups:

Group A (Glasgow and Motherwell): Scotland, Ghana, Cuba, Bahrain.

Group B (Aberdeen): Australia, USA, Brazil, European qualifier.

Group C (Dundee): Argentina, China, Nigeria, Canada.

Group D (Edinburgh): Guinea, Colombia, Saudi Arabia, European qualifier.

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The Editor

IT is to be hoped that, when the National Soccer League turns to summer football, the game will be free of its recurring crises.

The idea is to put international games at the height of the winter, but with various World Cup, Olympic Games and other commitments, will it happen?

The best possibility in planning for future stability and expansion was to have skilled management consultants review the code as a whole.

This did not happen, as so much money had been spent on so many unprofitable tours, and the Australian Soccer Federation kitty was empty.

In addition, the National Soccer League's finances gave no joy.

It was decided that the ASF do the management survey job itself . . .

There is no doubt that the progress made by rugby league since management consultants examined their game has been worthwhile.

However soccer — so often called the 'sleeping giant' — lacks the rudder that such a study would provide.

There are NSL clubs crying out that it is difficult to meet their commitments. Others could well be in the same situation, but are going quiet.

To state the obvious: the only time in recollection that the NSL was a genuine financial success was when it was conducted in two divisions.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY in the past has pointed to the desirability of running two divisions, preferably of 10 teams each.

That would allow for a pre-season round-robin in divisions, with clubs sharing the gates (hopefully with top state teams included), 18 league games, semi-finals, final and grand final, and then the inter-divisional play-offs.

As it stands, it is difficult to perceive any real move to bring in the cities needed for proper development and television cover into the game.

Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle must join Sydney and Wollongong in the Northern Division, with Melbourne and Adelaide, with some thought to Hobart's potential, in the south.

The costs involved with Perth remain beyond the realm of possibility.

Another example of a management by crisis has appeared.

Barely two weeks before the long-scheduled NSW-Queensland clash in Brisbane, the cry has gone up to send a sub-standard NSW team.

Interstate pride, which has been killed off so often over recent years, needs to be restored.

There must, of course, be great sympathy for the financial position of various NSL clubs.

That some are close to the precipice has long been clear.

Apart from the disruption caused by World Cup matches, this season's club games in NSW have been hampered by the weather.

And then, after a deal of hesitancy the NSL Cup was added to the fixture list, apparently because sponsorship would become available in 1990.

Whichever way the present problems are resolved, until the Australian Soccer Federation and its affiliate, the National Soccer League, sees that the fundamentals are put right, crises will continue to pop up.

And that is despite the excellent work put in to secure worthwhile sponsorship of the code and to spread television cover right across Australia.

JACK GIBSON IS SPECIAL SOCCER GUEST

THE NSW Coaches' Federation have announced their first major seminar for 1989, which will be held on Monday, April 24, at Kirrawee Soccer Club.

Jack Gibson is to be the guest speaker and he will be discussing the qualities looked for in selecting players.

Gibson has been a prominent rugby league coach for many years and is the author of the book, "Played Good-Done Well."

The meeting is open to all NSW Coaching Federation members and their guests and coaches planning to attend will need to be seated by 7pm.

Kirrawee Soccer Club is located on the corner of the Princes Highway and The Boulevarde, Kareela.

Coaches interested in joining the NSWCF are also invited to attend and applications for membership forms will be available on the night.

— IAN MARRIOTT

Sydney Olympic's youthful striker Jason Bennett on the move last Friday against Melbourne JUST. The Victorians won 2-1.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

Wolves maul Rosebuds

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

WITH young stars Mineo Bonetig and Alex Villella back on deck showing the way, Wollongong downed Adamstown 4-0 last Sunday while a lone strike from Lou Bekiaris gave AIS a 1-0 win over Marconi.

WOLLONGONG 4 ADAMSTOWN 0

Wollongong jumped to third following their Easter Monday triumph over AIS and the young Wolves went ahead early last Sunday when Bonetig sidefooted home after David Batten had squared the ball in the seventh minute.

After 21 minutes Wollongong added their second when Danny Petkovic coolly slotted home after Peter Marjanovic's shot was blocked by Williams.

The Wolves continued to dominate against the determined Rosebuds in the second period and two goals from David Batten in the 50th and 54th minutes, the second from the spot, wrapped up the points for the home side.

WOLLONGONG: Atsas, Allport, Harrison, Markjanovic, Reynolds, Bonetig, Srbinovski, Villella, Batten (D'amico), Petkovic, Piacentin.

ADAMSTOWN: Symes, Milevski, Williams, Jonas, Roberts, Ortega, Gilday (Jones), Adams, Orton, Hudson King.

AIS 1 MARCONI 0

The very well drilled Institute side had a slight edge over a determined Marconi team that slumped to their third successive defeat at home last Sunday.

Bekiaris tested keeper Brett Hughes early from close range but the Marconi custodian was equal to the task and saved well after just a minute.

Marconi striker Carlos Lopes shot on the turn in the 33rd minute from 12 metres but keeper Talia took the high ball with ease.

Ten minutes into the second period Lopes again went close for the Leopards but again Talia was on hand to tip the drive away for a corner.

The only goal came in the 75th minute when Bekiaris collected a cross ball from the right, raced through past his marker and slotted the ball inside the left post from 12 metres.

MARCONI: Hughes, Carluccio, Cortes, Charlewood, Lopes, Budini (Messina), Licata, K. Okon, Vanezas (Suzor), Ienco, Mammone.

AIS: Talia, Rochow, Stanton, Kollba, Bekiaris (Keegan), Dickinson, Sorras, Cranney, Trajanovski (Eldridge), Maloney, Block.

OLYMPIC 4 BLACKTOWN 3

Top of the table Olympic were too good for the visitors from the West and despite the closeness of the scores Olympic were in control and led 4-1 until 10 minutes from the end.

Blacktown defender Cumerford put his side behind in the first minute when he headed brilliantly into his own net from a cross from Mike McGarry.

Marshall Soper added two goals to Olympic's tally in the 25th and 49th minutes and Alex Aroujo netted in the 47th minute after Polak beat two defenders and Olympic looked comfortable.

The Demons to their credit fought back into the match.

Paul Walsh netted with a shot just under the bar in the 63rd minute and Blacktown's top scorer, Stan Suman, pulled another one back with 10 minutes left.

Walsh added his second three minutes from time but Olympic managed to hang on and opened up a three-point lead at the top.

OLYMPIC: Vickery, Trianafilou, Pantazis, Hrist, Georgakis, Polak, McGarry, Sharpley, Soper, Aroujo, Refenes.

BLACKTOWN: Londos (Crawley), Cutler, Cumerford (Lees), Casserly, Langon, Connerly, Bourke, Divljak (McArdle), Suman, Walsh, Jee.

APIA 3 CROATIA 1

Croatia's great run of late came to a *shattering* halt at home to strugglers APIA last Sunday when they crashed 3-1.

Croatia, in fact, went 1-0 ahead in the second minute when Burim Zajmi broke away after a defender slipped in the heavy conditions, but despite some missed chances from David Seal, Croatia never went on with the job.

Peter Murray fired home from the edge of the box in the 35th minute for the equaliser and a minute prior to the interval APIA went ahead through Terry Palapianis, whose header deceived keeper Krajnovic.

Milan Blagocevic sealed the issue for APIA when Croatia pushed forward looking for the equaliser. He broke and rounded the keeper to score in the 91st minute.

CROATIA: Krajnovic (Kalac), Bojkovski, Orlic, Krkovski, Milicevic, Peravn (Corjak), Zelic, Zajmi (Alilovic), Seal, Rancic, Tellsman.

APIA: Mikuletic, Cosentino, Petenon, Plalpanis, Gregson, Ellem, Bard, Pisano, Murray (Franze), Blagojevic, Ruperto.

Welcome to World Cup referees

THIS week we greet Carlo Longhi, the Italian referee who will control the Australia — Israel World Cup game, and his French linesmen.

They will be looked after by the referees' liaison officer, and it is customary for the Sydney referees to entertain them to dinner after the game.

After arriving in Sydney in time to acclimatise, they would normally sightsee places such as Sydney Harbour and the Opera House.

Apart from that, they train to ensure match fitness, and familiarise themselves with the stadium and its facilities.

Before the game, a meeting is held between the referee, linesmen, representatives from both competing teams, plus the match commissar.

This establishes rapport between all concerned, to enable understanding and the game to run smoothly.

All World Cup games now have a fourth official, whose job it is do assist the referee and linesmen with their duties, looking after substitutions, recording cautions and goals scored.

In the case of an injury to the referee, the senior linesman would take over the whistle. The fourth official would then replace the linesman who has now taken over as referee.

Whilst the referees are away from their home they are paid an allowance of $100 US per day, plus hotel accommodation, air fares etc.

I would ask referees of all ages to attend the Australia v Israel game on Sunday at the Sydney Football Stadium, not only to see an exciting conclusion to the Oceania World Cup group, but to watch Italian referee Longhi and the French linesmen in action.

— TERRY SEACY

Referee Carlo Longhi (right) remonstrating with Inter Milan's Beppe Baresi. He will referee the Australia v Israel match in Sydney.

NSW WOMEN'S RESULTS

1st Div 1st grade: Blacktown 3, Central Coast 0

2nd Div 1st grade: Putney 6 Sydney Olympic 0, Southern NSW 7 Gladesville Ravens 1, Epping Eastwood 23 Sydney United 0.

U17: Sydney Olympic 3 Richmond 1.

WOMENS SOCCER

Ocean Beach's standing on the Central Coast

WOMEN's soccer began on the NSW Central Coast in 1976, but it wasn't till the 1979 season that Ocean Beach emerged to become the pinnacle of women's soccer in the eighties.

Their two teams failed to win titles in the first competitive year, but won plenty of support, which in turn led to the formation of two more teams.

The club has won or shared the senior premiership in 1980, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1988.

One of the foremost players with the club has been the outstanding international Sharon Dewar.

Ocean Beach players to play for the State team have been:

All Age: Cheryle Burns, Sharon Dewar, Janine Rapmund, Vicky Preece, Stephanine Bruce, **Juniors:** Sarah Burroughs, Tracey and Jenny Steel, Michelle McGuirter, Nicky Nicholls, Jeanette Wells, Michelle Chifley, Michelle Clayburn, Tracey Edgeworth.

DID YOU KNOW?

— That North Illawarra was the first Soccer club on the NSW South Coast?

The Bulli-based outfit was founded in 1888 — and a year later Illawarra Rovers came into being, followed by Balgownie Rangers in 1890.

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Progression of cadet referees

Steps towards higher ranking

AS you will recall from last week we are following the progress of a 14-year-old boy who joins his local referees' branch with his sights set on getting the FIFA badge.

Our referee has now been refereeing for four years and at last has reached the age of 18 when he can seek regrading to Class 3.

During his four years he has been refereeing various age groups and has been listening to the advice given to him by the inspectors and referees he has been in contact with. He has also spent many hours running lines for senior referees.

His efforts may have been rewarded by being appointed to a number of grand finals and he may be representing his branch in the state referees' competition.

His application for regrading to Class 3 has been accepted. To obtain his Class 3 no theory exam is required, he has only to obtain a 75% pass mark for a field inspection which is carried out by an inspector from his branch. The inspection must be done in at least an under 18 game.

To prepare him for his inspection, his branch has been allocating him to lower grade all-age games so that he can gain some experience at controlling the older players.

While he had reached the top of the tree in refereeing junior football, controlling senior games, even at a lower level, is a whole new ball game and is the start of another era in his quest to reach the top.

While the laws remain the same the application, as he soon learns, is different as is the attitude of the players he is now asked to control.

He has also to come to grips with refereeing players a lot older than he is, and this can have its problems.

At last, about half way through the season, he gets his Class 3 inspection and passes with flying colours.

He now moves into the next stage and that is consolidating himself as a Class 3 and preparing himself for his next grade which is Class 2.

He must now complete two years and referee at least 30 games at his present level before he can apply for his next grade.

During this time he will be guided by his branch with regular lectures and discussions on refereeing.

Inspections and advice will come from other senior referees. He will put in many, many hours on games both as referee and linesman and he will again be seeking to represent his branch, in the State under 21 referees' competition.

When he becomes eligible to apply for his Class 2 he will have had to referee for a minimum of 6½ years.

He is now at a stage where he can move to the ASRF NSW Division, refereeing games run by the NSW Soccer Federation.

Next week our referee joins the ASRF NSW Division in his quest for the top as a referee.

— RON BEAUMONT

KELLYVILLE KOLTS
(representing Granville Districts)
Coach: M. Cummings. Manager: H. Romanowski. B. Baker, N. Carvalho, D. Eren, S. Thomas, G. Backhouse, K. Cooper, B. Cummings, M. Callagher, D. Yates, D. Romanowski, P. Crawford, A. Starke, D. Miller.

American Express offer

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has been negotiating with the giant American Express company for the introduction of their Corporate Card system throughout the Federation, in conjunction with a supporting marketing and sponsorship programme.

The NSWASF is now pleased to announce that as a result of these negotiations, the following is being offered to all committee members involved at Branch, Association and Club level and can be considered as a small return for so many hours of effort.

American Express have agreed to the issuing of a form of corporate card which will carry the NSWASF name, but which will have limited liability to the sponsoring body.

The cost of the cards has been reduced from $80 to $15 for personal card, subject to the total number of cards issued.

The benefits of having an American Express card are many and varied, and further details may be obtained by phoning Cec Bucello on 629 2833.

— IAN MARRIOTT

MACARTHUR, winners of the 1989 Centenary Cup in Sydney, pictured at the tournament with their managers. The successful players are Darren Bloar, Glen Cannon, Terry Danne, Marvette Lambert, Shannon Leaper, Stuart, Lowrie, Thongdee Phonthapan, David Reid, Steve Sloan, Jason Sloan, Ben Smith, Brett Sterland, David Thomsen, Adam Wilkes.
— Photo: Hector Carasco

Injuries call for careful treatment

WHILE playing for Castle Hill Sports and Recreation Club in a recent match, Warwick Gosling suffered fractured ribs and a punctured lung.

"At first we thought that he had only been winded. However, as we moved onto the field it became obvious that he had other problems as his breathing was shallow and his face had turned very pale," reported his coach, John McDonald.

Gosling spent four days in hospital and was subjected to a number of tests before being allowed to leave for a couple of weeks' rest.

Sixteen-year old Warwick is back at school, but he will have to wait another month or so before he is able to play again.

— IAN MARRIOTT

AFTER hearing about the injury to Warwick Gosling, experienced Marconi trainer Spencer Thorpe gave his general advice to coaches and managers.

The Winded Player

A player can become winded for many reasons, usually via a blow to the abdomen, chest or over the ribs.

The player will experience shortness of breath, straining for air and tightness on inhaling.

One of the most important functions the rib cage has, is protecting the vital organs, that is, the heart and lungs.

To treat the player:

1. Check to ensure the airway is open.

2. Let the players sit or lie in a comfortable position and stretch the arms above the head, gently expanding the chest to allow air in, thus balancing internal body pressure.

3. Encourage the player to breathe in a relaxed manner.

It is essential that when a player is winded, the medical attendant, trainer and or coach DOES NOT EITHER PUSH OR PUMP THE LEGS INTO THE CHEST.

The two major reasons for this are:

1. If the player has fractured ribs, by pushing his legs into the chest you may cause further damge, by forcing broken rib ends into the internal organs.

2. By pushing the legs into the body more internal air is expelled, thus creating further imbalance of air pressure within the body. This causes the suffocating effect that the player is already experiencing.

The likely symptoms of a major injury.

If symptoms such as shortness of breath, sharp pain, coughing, vomiting, irregular breathing and or pallor (colour of the face) are evident, then a major injury to a vital organ (such as the lungs, spleen etc) or the rib cage may have occurred.

What do I do:

Medical attention must be sought immediatley.

Your responsibilities under the above conditions are:

1. Ensure the airway is open.

2. Monitor pulse and respiration.

3. Enforce "Nil by mouth".

4. Keep player warm.

5. Transport player quickly but gently to doctor or hospital.

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

SUTHERLAND under 13 in Division 1 secured a praiseworthy 1-0 win over highly rated Marconi.

It was yet another weekend affected by rain, and one club who was in dire straights was Yugal, who lost all four games to Southern Districts.

Strenthened Macarthur Association secured three wins and a draw at the expense of Gladesville Hornsby.

Gladesville under 13s scored through Adrian Laro, Anthony Smith, and Chris Giometti (twice) against Rochdale for a 4-0 win on Sunday.

Rockdale secured a sound 2-1 win in the under 14s through Robert Bandetta and Peter Naumovski.

Both Rockdale and Macarthur showed out well in their early games.

It is vital that clubs telephone their results by 6pm on match days. Competition secretary Bill Cullinan advises that a $50 fine applies for clubs that do not fulfil requirements.

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL
DIVISION 1

			U13	U14	U15	U17
APIA	v	Bankstown	1-0	1-1	2-1	4-0
Cant/M'ville	v	Blacktown City	0-7	1-2	1-2	1-2
Nepean	v	Sydney Olympic	w/o			
Illawarra	v	St George	w/o			
Canterbury	v	Marconi	w/o			
Sutherland	v	Croatia	3-2	0-0	0-3	0-7
Ku-ring-gai	v	Melita	1-1	1-1	1-5	1-5

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

APIA	v	Cant/M'ville	no	res		
Blacktown City	v	Nepean	w/o			
Illawarra	v	Sydney Olympic	w/o			
St George	v	Canterbury	w/o			
Sutherland	v	Marconi	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-1
Croatia	v	Melita	w/o			
Bankstown	v	Ku-ring-gai	3-0	3-1	3-1	0-1

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL
DIVISION 2

			U13	U14	U15	U17
Yugal	v	Sthn Districts	1-6	0-3	0-2	0-3
Blacktown	v	Central Coast	0-2	0-3	3-1	4-1
Pen/Uruguay	v	Rockdale	w/o			
Gladesville	v	Macarthur	0-2	0-4	0-0	0-1
Polonia	v	Manly Warringah	w/o			
Avala	v	Warringah	w/o			

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

Sthn Districts	v	Blacktown	w/o			
Central Coast	v	Pen/Uruguay	1-1	4-1	3-2	0-2
Rockdale	v	Gladesville	0-4	2-1	3-0	1-0
Macarthur	v	Polonia	3-1	1-0	0-0	3-3
Manly Warringah	v	Warringah	0-4	2-1	2-3	2-2
Avala	v	Yugal	w/o			

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

ROUND 4 SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

DIVISION 1

Nepean Assoc	v	Apia Leichhardt	Cook Park
Blacktown City	v	Illawarra	Gabbie Stadium
Canterbury District	v	Sydney Olympic	Blick Oval
Sutherland Shire	v	St George	Bates Drive
Melita Eagles	v	Marconi	Melita Stadium
Ku-ring-gai	v	Sydney Croatia	Parklands Reserve
Canterbury M'ville	v	Bankstown Assoc	Arlington Oval

DIVISION 2

Penrith Uruguay	v	Southern Districts	Plumpton Park
Blacktown Assn	v	SSC Yugal	Mt Druitt T C
Gladesville H'by	v	Central Coast	Pioneer Park
Warringah F'water	v	Macarthur Assn	N. N. F. C.
Polonia	v	Rockdale Ilinden	Chopin Park
Avala	v	Manly Warringah	Knight Park

Europe will bring Britain kicking and screaming into 90s

WRITES MIKE TICHER

THE ethnic base of Soccer in Australia may have disagreeable features in some respects, but it does at least ensure that the game here has a broadminded outlook towards players from outside Australia.

Although the flow of foreign players into the NSL is not completely uninhibited, the fact that so many of its stars come from a migrant background means that 'foreigners' are certainly not seen as any kind of threat to Australia's football culture.

The same is by no means always the case in Europe, and certainly not in Britain, which has long shied away from continental influences.

However, this insularity (not to mention a fair bit of straightforward prejudice) is now showing clear signs of breaking down, as English and Scottish clubs look more and more often to other parts of Europe as a regular source of players.

It is hard to pin down the exact reasons for this apparent change of attitude, but two factors will undoubtedly strengthen it in the near future.

- Firstly, the removal of trade barriers between EEC countries in 1992 will almost certainly mean that football will have to fall in line with other industries and remove all restrictions on player movements within the Community.
- Secondly, the liberalising effects of glasnost in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe should allow more players from those countries to come to the West and to sample the material benefits on offer there.

This latter development, with all its fascinating implications, has already begun to take shape, with the gradual release of experienced Soviet players on to the Western transfer market.

International defender Sergei Baltacha this season became the first Soviet to play in the English League when he signed for Second Division Ipswich Town.

His relatively low profile, and the disappointing experience of Alexander Zavorov at Juventus should not halt the gradual exodus, with rumours continuing to circulate about the possible arrival of Soviet stars such as Belanov and Besonov.

Baltacha is not the only bold and imaginative signing in England this year.

Although some European deals have fallen through (such as Southampton's long-running saga with Yugoslav defender Milos Drizic), others have come to fruition.

Tottenham, for example, have secured Norwegian goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt, Icelander Gudni Bergsson and Barcelona's Moroccan striker, Nayim.

Newcastle have purchased two Danes, Pingel and Kristensen; West German Thomas Hauser has gone from Switzerland to Sunderland and Zbigniew Kruszynski, a Pole, has made the equally unlikely transition from Hamburg to Wimbledon.

New realism

The interesting thing about these moves is that none of them involve big-money, glamourous individuals, as has often been the case with foreign imports in the past.

While some of those famous names, such as Osvaldo Ardiles (with Spurs) and Arnold Muhren (with Ipswich and Manchester United) have been outstanding successes, too many others have 'failed', primarily because of unrealistic expectations and lack of proper background research on the part of the buying clubs.

The short and frustrating English careers of the likes of Vladimir Petrovic (Arsenal), Kazi Deyna (Manchester City), Didier Six (Aston Villa) and Alan Simonsen (Charlton) would certainly fall into this category.

The hope is that perhaps now a new realism and maturity are setting in.

With top English players the target of wealthier Spanish and Italian clubs (not to mention Glasgow Rangers), maybe the English are at last starting to realise that they in turn can pick up bargains from the smaller European nations.

Certainly there is no reason why they should not continue to attract players from middle-ranking leagues such as the Dutch (the source of more successful imports than any other) and Yugoslav.

A hopeless optimist might even predict that Terry Venables' signing of Nayim could herald English interest in the boundless talent waiting to be tapped in Africa.

France, the other European country with major links there from colonial days, has attracted a steady stream of quality players to their League (including the top three African players of 1988) and there is no reason why Britain should not do likewise.

However, Europe first. Let's hope that the suspicion of foreign players which has been the tradition for so long is finally being shaken off.

Gleeful high-flier . . . Arsenal skipper Tony Adams (right) breaks the monotony by jumping for joy after scoring for the Gunners

Robbie Dunn scores

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

***PERTH ITALIA downed Floreat Athena* 3-1 to capture the 1989 Charity Shield of the Western Australian Super League.**

It was former Socceroo Robbie Dunn, playing as a striker, who began the scoring five minutes after the break when he drove home a curving free kick.

Italia was on the way to victory by the 65th minute, when newcomer Gerry Christie sent Peter Murphy away to net a scorcher.

The other goals came right at the end, Lou Collova for Italia then Hunter for Athena.

On the night Athena did enough to demonstrate that they will be a force in this year's championship.

LETTERS

IF Australia qualifies for the 1990 World Cup there are still three major factors prohibiting Soccer from growth and being accepted by Australians.

Firstly is the general perception of soccer in this country as a largely ethnic sport. This has been perpetuated by soccers adversaries and been reinforced by the fact that the major clubs are migrant based.

Secondly is the existence of rival footballing codes within Australia itself, leading to support from the media, business and public.

And finally there is the European/South American monopoly in the quality of football.

Unlike Australia, soccer is viewed with national prestige and honour in their countries and this will make it harder for Australia soccer to stay competitive in the future.

Radical changes must be brought about in the way Australians think of international sport or we will find it hard to compete.

Tony Garner, Mt Macedon,

ARGENTINAS

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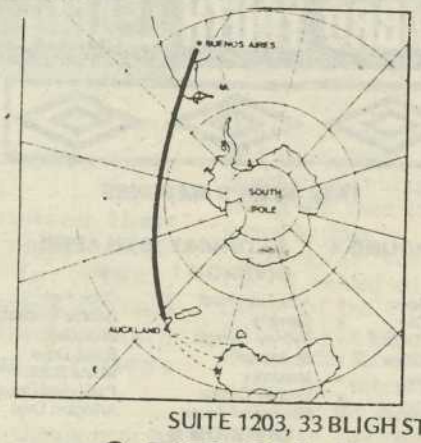

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Not this time . . . Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Eric Thorstvedt foils Liverpool striker John Aldridge in in London. Liverpool maintained its late title challenge with a 2-1 win

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- Romanian internationals Piturca and Stoica will play for French club Lens next season — in the Second Division, because the team is certain to be relegated.
- **After an unhappy three-match stint in Spain with Elche, Brazilian midfielder Tato has rejoined Fluminense.**
- International Canadian goalkeeper Igor Vrablic has joined the Toronto Blizzard after stints in the USA, Greece and Belgium.
- **Portugal and Angola, its former African colony, will meet this week for the first time in a full international. The game, in Lisbon, is part of the Portuguese Federation's 75th anniversary celebrations.**
- Chile have agreed to compete in this year's Rous Cup, against England and Scotland. They will play England, at Wembley, on May 23 and Scotland, at Hampden Park, on May 30.
- **Dynamo Kiev set an enviable record of sorts when it had 19 players selected in three Soviet national teams playing on the same day last month — the national, Olympic and under 23s.**
- Bobo, the striker who starred for Bahia when the provincial club won the recent Brazilian title, has signed for Sao Paulo FC. The team has been decimated since winning the championship, also losing its coach, Evaristo Macedo.
- **A "rest of the world" team, including the likes of Ronald Koeman, Frank Rijkaard, Marco van Basten, Tanju Colak, Enzo Francescoli, Lazslo Detari and Lothar Matthaus, defeated a Brazilian XI which fielded players like Julio Cesar, Alemao, Careca, Romario, Valdo and Junior in Udine in the great Zico's testimonial match. The score: 2-1.**
- **Bayern Munich goalkeeper Raimond Aumann has renewed his contract until June 1993.**

Swedish set-back

BAD news for Sweden — two of their key players will be missing in their next World Cup outing.

Both stoppers — Glenn Hysen and Peter Larsson — are out of the match against Poland on May 7.

Swedish coach Olle Nordin knew he would be without Hysen ever since the Fiorentina star received his second yellow card of the qualifying campaign in Albania last year.

Nordin's defensive tactics for the match against the dangerous Poles were thrown into total confusion when Larsson had an operation on his right foot.

ROGER LJUNG

Nordin will now have to use left back Roger Ljung, seen in Australia with Malmo FF, alongside Peter Lonn.

Sweden, England, Poland and Albania are in the European group.

Silly seeds!

FIFA boss Joao Havelange has told Italy's mass-circulation GAZETTA DELLO SPORT that Italy, Argentina, Brazil, West Germany, Belgium and France would be the seeded teams in the 1990 World Cup finals.

Spain and England will take over if some of the seeds do not qualify.

Italy and Argentina are the only certain qualifiers as they are automatic finalists as host nation and holder of the trophy.

France is on the verge of elimination, and West Germany at this stage look likely to lose their qualifying group to Holland, who held them to a draw in Munich.

The return leg is in Holland this week.

Fiji coach quits!

FIJI's most successful Soccer coach in recent years, Billy Singh has resigned rather than face disciplinary proceedings against him.

His decision to quit follows the suspension for several years of 18 players in the national squad who walked out of a training camp in Suva last January, forcing the embarrassing cancellation of a match against visiting West German club side Hertha Berlin.

Singh has denied Fiji Football Association (FFA) charges that he incited the unprecedented strike, which was over players' conditions.

Last season, Singh took Fiji to an historic 1-0 win over the Socceroos in an Oceania World Cup qualifying match in Nadi after beating every other national side in the South Pacific, including the New Zealand All Whites.

However, the winning streak was broken a week later when Australia trounced them 5-1 in a return match in Newcastle.

Despite his impressive record, Singh claims that the FFA has made up its mind never to appoint him national coach again.

Because of this he would not attend a scheduled disciplinary hearing.

"They can suspend me for life, I'm not bothered," he said.

FFA secretary Jitendra Maharaj has criticised a call by Singh for him and other officials to resign as well.

NOVEL INTER BONUS

INTER Milan's title-chasing stars will earn up to $300,000 each if they succeed crosstown rivals AC Milan as champions of Italy.

According to their novel bonus structure, the players will receive $2,000 each at the end of the season for every championship point won.

If they win the League the figure is multiplied by three.

Milan's target is 50 points and it appears that only Diego Maradona's Napoli stands between them and the crown.

The snag is that if they fail to qualify for Europe next season (now very unlikely) all bonuses will have to be repaid to the club.

SOUTH AMERICA

BY MARIO ETCHART

FIVE players sent off, several yellow cards and some unexpected results were the highlights of the second qualifying round of the Libertadores Cup.

Internacional, of Brazil, trounced five-time South American champion, Penarol, of Uruguay 6-2 at Porto Alegre.

A remarkable comeback from a team that only managed third place in its group, behind Bahia and Deportivo Tachira in the previous round.

The locals exploited weaknesses in the Penarol defence and led 4-0 at half-time, with goals from Nilson in the 7th and 28th minutes and Norton in the 33rd and 41st.

At the start of the second half, Heider added a fifth for Internacional, but Penarol made the score more respectable with goals from Baran in the 73rd and Aguilera in the 78th.

Racing Down

One minute from the end, Heider scored again.

Perdomo and Goncalvez, from Penarol, and Nilson, of Internacional, were sent off.

Atletico Nacional, of Colombia, defeated Super Cup champion, Racing of Argentina, 2-0, at Medellin.

John Jairo Trellez connected with a header from a cross by Uzurriaga and opened the score in the 26th minute. Colombian defender Leon Villa added a second goal nine minutes from the end. The second leg will be played in Buenos Aires this week.

Chilean champion, Cobreloa drew 0-0 with Ecuador's Deportivo in the first leg, played at Quito where more than 38,000 fans were disappointed with the poor showing by the local outfit.

Bolivian win

Cobreloa's Argentine midfielder, Marcelo Trobbiani, was sent off in the 77th minute for an illegal tackle on Alex Aguinaga.

After the game, Trobbiani accused the Colombian referee of "being a drug addict and a member of the mafia!" This week, Cobreloa will meet Deportivo Quito, in Calama, in the second leg.

Olimpia of Paraguay, at home, beat Boca Juniors of Argentina 2-0. Central striker Raul Amarilla scored both goals, in the 59th and 69th minutes.

Gustavo Benitez and Claudio Marangoni, captains of Olimpia and Boca respectively, were sent off after 30 minutes by Brazilian referee Jose Wright.

Boca's goalkeeper, Navarro Montoya, with a brilliant display, saved his side from an even bigger defeat.

At La Paz, Bolivia, local champion Bolivar defeated high-flying Millonarios of Colombia, 1-0.

Bolivar dominated for most of the 90 minutes. The solid Bolivian defence was an unconquerable obstacle for the visitors.

The only goal of the game was scored by Jorge Hirano, in the 58th minute.

In Montevideo, the local derby between Uruguayan champion Danubio and Nacional ended in a 0-0 draw.

The game was played at the Centenario Stadium in front of 45,000 spectators.

The whole match was concentrated in midfield, with very little work for both goalkeepers. The return game will be played today at the same venue.

In Lima, Peru, Universitario and Brazilian champion Bahia also drew — 1-1.

Rey Munoz scored for the locals in the 25th minute, and Osmar for the visitors in the 78th.

Sol de America, of Paraguay, beat Venezuelan Deportivo Tachira 3-0, in front of a crowd of 30.000 at Asuncion Stadium.

Hugo Brazuela scored two goals for the home side and Elias Leguizamon added the third.

Brazilian referee Luis Carlos Felix sent off Tachira defender Luis Rojas for dangerous play.

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Anglo-Italian club relations restored

JUVENTUS have provisionally agreed to play an English team for the first time since the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster, in which 39 people lost their lives in rioting that preceded the European Cup final with Liverpool.

The club has said that it will be willing to meet a Northern League select XI early next season in a match planned to mark the league's centenary.

Rui Barros, Juventus' brilliant Portuguese import, is thwarted this time by Ascoli goalie Pazzagli in the Turin team's recent 2-0 league win.

However, the invitation may have to be declined because of a conflict with Italian League matches, which have been constricted to allow the Italians to prepare for the World Cup finals in their country in June 1990.

If the Football Association gives it permission, the game is likely to be held at the St James' Park home of First Division Newcastle United, provided that the club does not have a home fixture on the provisional date of September 7.

Juventus have been invited to take part because the club figured in the two greatest events in the history of the Northern League.

In 1909, West Auckland, acting as England's representatives, defeated Juventus 2-0 in Italy in the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy.

Two years later they repeated the feat, winning 6-1, to retain the trophy.

Arthur Clark, the Northern League chairman, said yesterday: "Everything has been agreed in principle but the finer details have yet to be worked out."

ITALIANS ON TARGET IN EUROPEAN CUPS

THE three Italian clubs — AC Milan, Sampdoria and Napoli — are still on course for an unprecedented grand slam of European Cups.

The crack trio did well in the first leg of the semi-finals last week, with AC Milan holding Real Madrid to a 1-1 draw in Madrid, Sampdoria restricting defending European Cup-Winners' Cup holders, Mechelen, to a 2-1 win in Belgium, and Napoli comfortably defeating Bayern Munich at home.

The return matches will be played on Wednesday, April 19.

Last Wednesday's results:

CHAMPIONS' CUP: REAL MADRID 1 (Hugo Sanchez 41m) AC MILAN 1 (Marco van Basten 78m) in Madrid. Crowd: 95,000. STEAUA BUCHAREST 4 (Ilie Dumitrescu 8m, Gheorge Hagi 40m, Dan Petrescu 68m, Gavril Balint 72m) GALATSARARAY 0 in Bucharest. Crowd: 33,000.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP: MECHELEN 2 (Eli Ohana 11m, Geert Deferm 68m) SAMPDORIA 1 (Gianluca Vialli 74m) at Mechelen. Crowd: 14,500.

BARCELONA 4 (Lineker 36m, Amor 37m, Bakero 48m, Salinas 72m) CSKA SOFIA 2 (Stoichkov 24 & 67m) in Barcelona. Crowd: 38,000.

UEFA CUP: NAPOLI 2 (Careca 40m, Carnevale 59m) BAYERN MUNICH 0 in Naples. Crowd: 83,000. VfB STUTTGART 1 (Karl Allgoewer 66m) DYNAMO DRESDEN 0 in Stuttgart. Crowd: 55,000.

* In friendly games last week, Yugoslavia beat Greece 4-1 in Athens, and Hungary defeated Switzerland 3-0 in Budapest.

* In the World Cup qualifiers, Saudi Arabia defeated Oman 1-0 to qualify for the final Asian phase, at Syria's expense.

Czech Mate!

THREE former officials of First Division Czechoslavakian club Bohemians Prague — who toured Australia way back in 1927 — have been convicted on embezzlement charges and banned from sports activities for up to five years.

The three, former club secretary Zdenek Svoboda, former chairman Jaroslav Tipek and former treasurer Jiri Schiller, were given suspended sentences ranging from 15 months to two years.

All were charged with embezzling and establishing illegal slush funds totalling $120,000 and $380,000.

The trial, which started in February, marked the latest in a series of corruption scandals in East bloc Soccer.

The court claimed the three officials used their slush funds to make "unjustified payments to players and to officials of other clubs."

English K.O. Ban

THE English Football Association has issued a directive to all clubs that players knocked unconscious during a game be banned from playing for at least two weeks.

The directive, which is not mandatory, comes after the FA received reports of six deaths in less than a year in non-League football.

The FA move, in partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons, follows that of rugby union in which any player who is concussed during a game is banned for three weeks.

Gullit Deal

RUUD Gullit has agreed to a new three-year contract worth $5 million with Italian champions AC Milan.

Milan club chairman Silvio Berlusconi said Gullit had accepted the rich deal.

However, Milan seem ready to accept a huge offer from Spanish giants Barcelona for Gullit's compatriot Marco van Basten.

Barcelona's Dutch coach, Johan Cruyff, has put in a bid for $8 million for the European Player of the Year.

Van Basten played under Cruyff when the two men were at Ajax Amsterdam and Cruyff has already captured another of the Dutch championship side, Ronald Koeman from PSV Eindhoven, for next season.

Milan are ready to move for Napoli's Brazilian striker Careca if van Basten goes to Barcelona.

Ruud Gullit in AC Milan's smashing 4-0 win against Juventus at Siro Stadium. The diving goalkeeper is Stefano Tacconi.

World Cup Mascot

ITALIANS will vote, through their hugely popular soccer pools, for the name of the mascot for the 1990 World Cup, choosing between five suggestions, including "Ciao" and "Dribbly".

The mascot, a stylised figure of a soccer player in the Italian national colours of red, green and white, with a soccer ball for a head, has already been chosen.

The World Cup Organising Committee said the public would cast their votes on "Totocalcio" entry forms between April 16 to June 24.

Other names on the list are "Amico" (friend) and "Beniamino" and "Bimbo" (baby).

THE WORLD

BY LOU GAUTIER

- Only 15,000 spectators in Athens watched Turkey beat Greece 1-0 in the first soccer game between the two countries on Greek soil for more than three decades. Two months ago, Turkey had also won, in Istanbul.
- **A furious row has broken out over a TV programme in England that features a referee with a hidden microphone. The programme showed three Arsenal players haranguing referee David Elleray in the game against Milwall. Arsenal claim they did not know the ref was wired, but that Milwall did. In the programme, an Arsenal player was clearly heard using a naughty four-letter word!**
- Two Yugoslav players have been banned for life and another for eight years by the UEFA. Red Star Belgrade's Dragan Babic and Duskos Vlaisavljevic were barred from all international competition and team-mates Milan Dorovic and Goran Jovanovic were suspended until 1997 and 1992 respectively for physical attacks on East German referee Hans Stenzel in a "friendly" games against Carl Zeiss Jena, of East Germany, last year.
- **Celtic have transferred international Scottish striker Frank McAvennie back to ailing West Ham United.**
- Yet another foreign player is set to join an Italian club. This time it's a Brit — a vanishing breed in Italy these days — Liverpool's Steve McMahon.
- **West Ham boss John Lyall has started his long-term search for a replacement for midfield veterans Liam Brady and Alan Devonshire. The main name on his shopping list is Tottenham's English under 21 star Vinny Samways.**
- AC Milan have awarded manager Arrigo Sacchi a new three-year contract. The deal is expected to be his last as Sacchi intends to retire from soccer when it expires.
- ***Diego Maradona sent shockwaves throughout* Italy by attending a banquet hosted by one of the leading lights of Naples' Mafia, the Camorra. The Napoli star was one of 200 guests at the wedding of Luigi Giuliano, a leading member of the clan that runs the Naples underworld.**
- Inter Milan gained a reduction to one of three fines which totalled a record $120,000 when they appealed to the UEFA. They now "only" have to fork out $100,000.
- **Bob McKinlay will end a distinguished 20-year career when he referees the Scottish Cup final on May 20.**
- Celtic Glasgow's bid to sign Frank Stapleton has fallen through because his club, Le Havre, is on the brink of promotion to the French First Division.
- **Local businessman Neil Robinson has bought Scottish Second Division club Dumbarton for $400,000.**
- **Struggling Portuguese club Farense appointed Malcolm Allison in a blaze of publicity as the coach who would save them from relegation but after just 50 days in charge, he got the boot.**
- After 37 years as a player, coach and manager in England, Harry Gregg has quit the game to retire in his native Ulster. The survivor of the 1958 Munich air disaster was bought by Manchester United from Doncaster in 1957 for a then world record transfer fee for a goalkeeper — $45,000.
- **Benfica have all but clinched their 25th Portuguese First Division title. The Lisbon team is six points clear of Porto. Arch-rivals, Sporting, are in fourth place, 13 points behind.**
- Ruud Gullit notched his 41st full cap for the Netherlands when the Dutch recently defeated the Soviet Union 2-0 in Eindhoven. By scoring a goal in the game, **Marco** van Basten recorded his 12th goal for Holland — the same number as Gullit.
- **The American national team started their World Cup qualifying build-up with a tour of South America. In their first game, they held Cerro Porteno to a 1-1 draw in Asuncion, Paraguay.**
- Cairo club National won the Egyptian title, ahead of arch-rival, Zamalek.
- **Dorin Mateut, Dinamo Bucharest's Romanian international central defender, is likely to transfer to Bologna. His transfer will be paid by Bologna's sponsor, Saniplast.**